

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1364  
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FORMATION OF FORUM FOR SECURITY OF GULF COASTLINE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the naval chief during his visit to United Arab Emirates has suggested the formation of a forum with the Middle-East countries by stressing the need for the security of the Gulf coastline;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has discussed the matter with the Governments of concerned countries; and
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The Chief of the Naval Staff, during his visit to the United Arab Emirates has not suggested formation of a forum with the Middle-East countries for the security of the Gulf coastline.
- (b) & (c): Government in its bilateral interactions with the countries in the region discusses issues of mutual interest to promote mutually beneficial cooperation.