

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has unveiled a maritime security package in the recent Manila meet of ASEAN Regional Forum (ARM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the decision taken by the Forum thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)- (c) Yes. At the meeting of the 14th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) in Manila on 2 August 2007, India offered assistance to ARF member states in building capacity to ensure the safety and security of sea-lanes passing through the region. India will design and conduct a training module on maritime security specifically for the ARF Member States, on the themes of anti-piracy, search & rescue, offshore and port security, anti-smuggling and narcotics control and anti-poaching operations.