

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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THREAT FROM PAKISTAN AND CHINA ON SEA BORDER

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that threat perceptions from Pakistan and China on the sea front of the Indian border have increased;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete steps have been taken by India to overcome such threats; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Pakistan and China, like other countries, keep modernizing their Armed Forces, including their Navies. Government constantly monitors the security environment and takes appropriate measures to ensure defence preparedness.