GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3031
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PROPOSAL FOR COASTAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide camel patrolling watch towers etc. under the Coastal Security Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sensitive coast between Jakhau and Medi is not covered under patrolling;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the details of the proposal submitted by the Government of Gujarat including funds sought and setting up of coastal police stations and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): No,Madam.Indian Coast Guard is regularly deploying ships and aircrafts between Sir Creek and Jakhau. Hovercrafts and Interceptor Boats are also deployed from Jakhau to carry out patrol of sensitive areas between Sir Creek and Jakhau along the coast.The Border Security Forces (BSF), which has been deployed as border guarding force on Indo-Pak international border in Gujarat, is carrying out round the clock surveillance and patrolling in the area under their jurisdiction with sufficient number of available watercrafts and other vessels.

(e): As decided by the Government with a view to further strengthen the coastal security, an exercise of vulnerability/gap analysis along the Indian coastline has been carried out by the Coast Guard in consultation with the coastal States and Union Territories, including Gujarat; and, based on this exercise, proposals for additional requirements for coastal security have been submitted. On the basis of inputs received from the Coasts Guard and the coastal States/Union Territories including Gujarat, the second phase of the Coastal Security Scheme has been formulated. Necessary clearances for the same are being taken.