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Title: Need to provide adequate financial assistance for fool proof maritime security in the coastal region of Odisha.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): Maritime Security along Coastline of the Country is one of the three-tier coastal security-ring along with Coast Guard and Navy.

Odisha having a coastline of 485 kms, has its various strategic installations like ITR, P&EE Chandipur in Balasore district, Dhamara Port, Wheeler island (DRDO installation) in Bhadrak district located on the coast among other installations of National importance.

5 Marine Police Stations commissioned in the first phase and 13 more in pipeline are not adequate to man such a vast coast line. The Police Stations lack basic infrastructural support like maintenance, training, manpower and sophisticated equipment. The Central assistance given is inadequate to meet prescribed operational standards.

Balasore is always under security threat from infiltrators and terrorists posing threat to DRDO installations & requires enhanced security.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to provide a realistic financial assistance for maritime security to thwart any subversive activities.