

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1420

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th NOVEMBER, 2016

SECURITY PACTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

1420. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUMEDHANANDSARSWATI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government propose to enter into any security pacts like white shipping pacts with various countries for reciprocal exchange of information of Merchant Vessels to bolster its Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and tackle threats emanating from the sea; and
- (b) if so, the details, objectives and the present status thereof, country-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

- (a)&(b): In 2014, the Government had approved the proposal to conclude bilateral and multilateral agreements for exchange of white shipping information with Navies, Coast Guards and agencies entrusted with maritime security of 26 countries and 3 multinational groups. These agreements, which enable exchange of unclassified information, are not security pacts per se, but would help augment existing capabilities to develop Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), thus aiding maritime security. So far agreements have been operationalized with three countries and signed with three more.
