

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2564

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2017

**PREVENTING INDIAN FISHERMEN FROM CROSSING INTERNATIONAL
BOUNDARY**

2564. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Coast Guard is actively involved in warning / preventing Indian fishermen from crossing the International Boundary in high seas and entering neighbouring water territory; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) & (b): Government attaches high priority to the safety and security of Indian fishermen. Vessels and aircraft of Indian Coast Guard are regularly deployed for surveillance of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) with all neighbouring countries to prevent Indian fishermen / fishing boats from crossing the IMBL. Since 2007, approx 34,886 Indian fishing boats have been shepherded back from IMBL by Coast Guard units on patrol. Community Interaction Programmes are also conducted regularly with Indian fishermen to sensitise them on the perils of cross border fishing and on prevailing security situations.
