

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1445
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH DECEMBER, 2017

RESCUE OF MERCHANT VESSEL

1445. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether warships from India, China and Pakistan operated jointly in the Gulf of Aden to rescue a merchant vessel attacked by Somali pirates recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of Indian warships put into operations along with the Chinese and Pakistani naval ships?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (c): On 08.04.2017 about 220nm South West of Salalah, Indian warships and Chinese warships thwarted a piracy attempt onboard a merchant vessel MV OS 35 in the West Arabian Sea. Two Indian Navy ships Mumbai and Trishul were deployed for the operations. The operation was undertaken simultaneously but not jointly. The Pakistan Navy warship Tippu Sultan, was operating in vicinity of the incident, as part of Anti-piracy mission, but was not involved in the above operation.
