## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2698 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2018

## EXTERNAL THREAT TO SECURITY

## 2698. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT: SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU: SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

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

(a) whether the external threats to the security of the country through Sea route has increased and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the coastal security recently;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to procure modern equipments including radar for coastal security / surveillance and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures taken to make the Sea routes secure?

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(a) to (d): Threats to the security of the country through the sea route are assessed at regular intervals. Monitoring, review and assessment of the coastal security construct is an ongoing process and is undertaken on a periodic basis. National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS) monitors the progress in respect of coastal security initiatives, any shortfall encountered, and decides on measures to plug the gaps. A coastal security ring all along our coast is provided by Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy. Other measures include improving surveillance mechanism, enhanced patrolling and joint operational exercises conducted on regular basis among Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Marine Police, Customs and others. Installation of radars covering the country's entire coastline and islands is also an essential part of this process.

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