

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1853
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH MARCH, 2018

UPGRADATION OF COAST GUARD

1853. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures to upgrade the functioning of coast guard to reach out during emergency situations like cyclone in deep sea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to increase the manpower and ensure to provide modern equipment to coast guard;
- (d) whether the Government is ready to constitute separate coast guard unit in highly populated coastal districts like Alappuzha in Kerala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

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(a) to (c): The Government has established a robust maritime search and rescue framework to address and respond various contingencies in deep sea and in coastal areas of India, which includes distress onboard fishing boats and merchant vessels, safety of life during marine incidents and SAR response during Cyclones etc. Director General Indian Coast Guard has been designated as the Chairman of National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB), which constitutes members from national / coastal state administration / agencies. The sanctioned strength of Coast Guard has

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increased from 7,096 in 2008 to 14,500 (as on February, 2018). At present, the average intake of manpower in ICG is 130 officers and 720 Enrolled Personnel per year, which is almost a 100% increase from manpower recruited in 2008.

(d) & (e): A Coast Guard station at a particular location is set up taking into consideration the threat perception, vulnerability gap analysis and presence of other maritime organization / security set up in the vicinity.

Alappuzha is located in close proximity of Coast Guard Station Kochi and Coast Guard Station Vizhinjam and regular air surveillance is also undertaken by the Coast Guard Air Enclave at Kochi. These Coast Guard stations are equipped to quickly respond to any urgent emerging situation at sea.
