

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1529  
ANSWERED ON 10/02/ 2023

**MARITIME SECURITY**

1529. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:  
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- (a) whether India, ASEAN are working together for maritime security in the region and helped our country to make some progress in this region;  
(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made therein; and  
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. Ministry of External Affairs has informed that India and ASEAN are working on Maritime Security under ASEAN-India Framework and under various ASEAN led Mechanisms. The details of which are as below:

i. Under ASEAN-India Framework

India and ASEAN have adopted the ASEAN-India Joint Statement (JS) on Cooperation on the AOIP for Peace, Stability, and Prosperity in the Region at the 18th ASEAN-India Summit in October 2021. The Joint Statement envisages the implementation of synergy between ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and Indo-Pacific ocean's Initiative IPOI. As part of the Joint statement, India and ASEAN have decided to enhance existing cooperation and explore possible cooperation in the area of Maritime Domain, including Maritime Security.

ii. Under East Asia Summit (EAS) Mechanism

Maritime Security is an important area of EAS Plan of Action (2018-22), under this plan, India has been regularly organizing EAS Conference on Maritime Security. In the conference, representatives of 18 EAS Participating Countries come together for an in-depth discussion on various pertinent and contemporary Maritime Security cooperation aspects. India has organized 5 iterations of the conference so far.

iii. Under ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

As part of India's engagement with ARF, India had co-chaired the 13th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Maritime Security on 12 May 2022 , and will co-chair the workshop series on International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code), that will be held in India, during the year in 2022-23.

iv. Under ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus Meeting (ADMM-Plus)

The ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus is supported by ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM). The ADSOM is assisted by 07 Expert Working Groups (EWGs) of cooperation including one on Maritime Security. The meeting of 16th ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Maritime Security took place on 11 February 2022.

v. Under Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF)

India also participated in the Expanded ASEAN Maritime forum (EAMF) on 07 December 2022 at Manila, Philippines, contributing actively to further the collective understanding of significant, as well as emerging maritime challenges.

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