

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2290
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th July, 2022

COASTAL SECURITY

2290. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coastal monitoring and surveillance on real time basis is being uniformly carried out by the coast guard around the coastline of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that ocean surveillance radars are the primary means through which coastal security is guaranteed but can prove harmful for the environment and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the coastal security and to protect the vulnerable coastal ecosystem from further climatic degradation?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Coastal monitoring and surveillance is being carried out on real time basis by Indian Coast Guard around India's coastline through Chain of Static Sensors (CSS) consisting of 46 radar stations which have been established under Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).
- (c): Coastal Surveillance System through Chain of Coastal High Definition Surface Warning Radars is one of the means through which Coastal Security is being implemented. The radars have been installed since 2011 and there is no known harmful effect on environment.
- (d): (i) Deployment of ships and aircrafts for surveillance on daily basis to ensure maritime law enforcement, coastal security, pollution response, search & rescue and other chartered/mandated duties towards public function.
(ii) Coordination with major and non major ports by ships on patrol and surveillance through Coastal Security.

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- (iii) Promulgation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Coastal Security in all Coastal States/UTs by ICG for coordination between all stakeholders.
- (iv) Conduct of Coastal Security exercises and Coastal Security Operations.
- (v) Integration with coastal community through Community Interaction Programmes (CIPs) to bring awareness amongst fisher folk for strengthening coastal security mechanism.
- (vi) Capacity building and training of Marine Police and Joint Coastal Patrol (JCP) by Indian Coast Guard.
- (vii) Launch of campaign on plastic free seas under the aegis of 'PuneetSagarAbhiyan' and 'SwachhSagarAbhiyan' in collaboration with NGOs and NCC to collect plastics running into oceans through land sources.
- (viii) Deployment of Pollution Response Vessels and teams for oil spill response to protect marine eco system.
