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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3400
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH AUGUST, 2016

STRENGTH OF COAST GUARD

3400. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) the total number of people saved by the Indian Coast Guard in various search and rescue operations and medical evacuation including sinking merchant ships during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the strength of Coast Guards in view of the increasing threat through coastal lines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(a) The number of persons saved by Indian Coast Guard during Search and Rescue (SAR) operations and medical evacuations during the last three years is as follows:

Year	SAR	Medical Evacuation
2013	583	10
2014	332	28
2015	356	29
2016 (till date)	215	12

(b) & (c): In an expanding organization like the Indian Coast Guard, the increase in strength is a continuous process. The sanctioned strength of Coast Guard has increased from 8,006 in 2009 to 15,265 at present.
