

**Amendment in the Official Language Act**

2170. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether government proposes to further amend the Official Language Act, 1963, as amended in 1967 or any Constitutional provisions in this regard; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) Sir, no such proposal at present.

- (b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Security of ports of the country**

†2171. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the security of ports of the country rest on the Central Government;
- (b) if so, the details of security arrangements put in place by Government so that the incidents like Mumbai terrorist attack of 26 November, 2009 do not occur; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) At present, there are 12 major ports and 203 minor ports in the country. As per the Indian Ports Act, 1908, responsibility of developing a major port is with the Central Government. Further, these major ports are governed by Major Ports Trust Act, 1963. All 12 major ports are guarded by the Central industrial Security Force (CISF). Besides, Port Blair, a non-major Port, has also been developed by the Central Government and is guarded by the CISF. Periodic security audit of the major ports are undertaken by the Central Security Agencies and the implementation of the recommendations of such security audits are monitored.

However, the responsibility of developing and providing security to the other non-major (minor) ports lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned. The Central Security Agencies also conduct security audit in respect of some minor ports and reports and recommendation of such security audit are sent to the Port authorities/agencies concerned for appropriate action.

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