

GRSE		GRSE SC/ST Association.
HSL		The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Employees Welfare Association.
MIDHANI	(1)	MIDHANI Scheduled Caste Employees Welfare Association.
	(2)	MIDHANI Scheduled Tribe Employees Welfare Association.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Review of coastal security

975. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently undertaken review of coastal security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is an increased threat through the sea-route;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to secure our sea-routes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) The coastal Security issues are regularly reviewed by National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS), being the apex body for inter-ministerial and inter-agency coordination. The last review by NCSMCS was done on 3rd July 2014. Defence Minister also holds periodic review of the coastal security mechanism.

(c) and (d) Coastal security review is a dynamic and continuous process and steps are taken as per threat perception.

(e) Several measures to strengthen Coastal Security have been taken including improved surveillance mechanism and enhanced patrolling, conduct of Joint operational exercises, streamlining of intelligence mechanism with creation of Joint Operation Centers, multi-agency coordination etc. Installation of radars covering the country's coastline and islands is also an essential part of this process.