

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2770
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2022

UPGRADING THE FUNCTIONING OF COAST GUARDS

2770. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to upgrade the functioning of Coast Guards to reach out during emergency situations like cyclone in deep sea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by Government to increase the manpower and ensure provision of modern equipment to Coast Guards; and
- (d) the details of funds that have been devolved to the Coast Guards in the last five years for the same?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government has established a robust maritime search and rescue framework to address and respond to various contingencies in deep sea and in coastal areas of India, which includes distress onboard fishing boats and merchant vessels, safety of life during marine incidents and Search & Rescue (SAR) response during cyclones etc. Director General Indian Coast Guard has been designated as the Chairman of National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB), which constitutes members from national/coastal state administration/agencies. The force levels of Indian Coast Guard has been enhanced to 159 ships and 72 aircrafts. Further, 16 District Headquarters and 42 stations have been set up all along the coastline. The ships and air assets of Indian Coast Guard are fitted with latest state of the art technology equipment/system/sensors to enhance surveillance capability of the Coast Guard. Adequate research and deliberations are undertaken while formulating the staff requirements for all acquisition cases so that the new ships and air assets inducted are the best in class.

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(d): The details of funds that have been devolved to the Coast Guard in the last five years for upgrading the functioning of Coast Guard are as below:

(Rs. In Crores)

Financial Year	Revenue	Capital	Total
2016-17	1769.1700	2500.0000	4269.1700
2017-18	2148.9700	2200.0000	4348.9700
2018-19	2401.5300	2262.1600	4663.6900
2019-20	2520.0700	2600.0000	5120.0700
2020-21	2522.9200	2500.0000	5022.9200
