GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO 3723 ANSWERED ON **05.04.2017**

Marine police stations

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government is considering to obviate terrorism and infiltration from sea routes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Marine police stations are being established in the coastal areas to protect against terrorist infiltration, if so, the details thereof? ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Government have taken various measures. There is adequate three-tier security mechanism for the maritime zone of the country. Coastal areas of the country are safeguarded by the police forces of the respective coastal States/UTs, which have jurisdiction of up to 12 nautical miles from the coast and by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Indian Navy, who have jurisdiction over the entire maritime zone up to 200 nautical miles, including the 12 nautical miles of territorial waters.

Indian Navy has been designated as the authority responsible for overall Maritime Security which includes Coastal Security and Offshore Security. ...2/-

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Director General, Indian Coast Guard has been designated as Commander of Coastal Command and made responsible for overall coordination between the State and the Central agencies in all the matters relating to coastal security.

Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing a comprehensive and integrated Coastal Security Scheme to strengthen security infrastructure and capabilities of Police of coastal States. Coastal security is reviewed periodically with all stakeholders by National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security against threats from the Sea (NCSMCS) constituted under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary.

(b) : Establishment of Coastal Police Stations (CPSs) is a part of the Coastal Security Scheme under which, 204 CPSs have been sanctioned to coastal States/UTs to strengthen capabilities of the Coastal State Police. The details of CPSs are given in Annexure.