

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1757
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2023**

SEA EROSION

1757. SHRI VE.VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the coastline along the Bay of Bengal in Puducherry is experiencing sea erosion often and the same is affecting the fishermen dwellings, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that considering the severity of erosion at Pillaichavady, Kalapet, Kanagachettikulam and Chinna kalapet villages in Puducherry, a DPR has been prepared for protection of coastal villages to save the lives of fishermen and if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend financial assistance to UT administration to execute the anti sea erosion work along the Puducherry Coast; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

- (a) Yes Sir. National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) an attached office of Ministry of Earth Sciences has conducted a comprehensive assessment of shoreline changes along the coast of the Union Territory of Puducherry. According to the findings, approximately 50% of the coastline is experiencing erosion, 10% is undergoing accretion, and 40% is characterized as stable. The official report was unveiled by Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, and Shri. N. Rangasamy, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry, on 13th February, 2023.
- (b) Yes Sir. Government of Puducherry has requested National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) to prepare a report for mitigating coastal erosion along Puducherry coast. The report "Enhancing Coastal Disaster Resilience in Puducherry – Effective Mitigation Approach" was prepared and UT Puducherry administration has submitted the same to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for potential funding.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Earth Sciences through National Centre for Coastal Research undertakes scientific studies and provides only the technical solutions for coastal erosion for the coastal states including Puducherry. The execution of anti-sea erosion measures is to be pursued by the Govt of UT Puducherry.
