

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the length of coastal seashore covering Maharashtra at present;
- (b) whether the Government propose to undertake any Ocean Development Activities in the coastal seashore of the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount involved therein; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) The State of Maharashtra is having coast line of about 650 kms.

(b), (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Details of some of the major programmes are given below .

- The monitoring of the marine pollution in the coastal waters of Maharashtra is going on from the year 1990-91. Studies for marine pollution are made at Trombay, Bassein, Mahim, Thane, Mumbai Harbour, Versova, Ulhas, Creek, Murud, Ratnagiri and Malvan.

- Information on Potential Fishing Zones derived from Satellite Observation is provided to the coastal fishermen through 11 nodal points spread over Maharashtra coast.

- The surveys undertaken for locating the minerals have indicated presence of calcareous sands in water depths of 50 to 200 meters off Maharashtra coast.

- Various measures are also taken to find hydrocarbon reserves in the Indian seas including sea off the Maharashtra coast.

- For development of coastal marine fisheries the Central Excise duty on HSD oil supplied to mechanised fishing vessel below 20 metre length is reimbursed and the traditional crafts are being motorised for upgradation of the traditional fishing sector. The exploratory and experimental fishery surveys are also carried out off the Maharashtra coast.

All these activities are taken up as national programmes and it is not practicable to apportion the estimate of expenditure for Maharashtra.