

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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CHAITRA SAKA SEA POLLUTION  
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**Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether sea pollution is increasing in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to check the growing sea pollution?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT

(Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Due to increase of population and rapid industrial growth along the coastal areas the threat of pollution in the sea is slowly increasing at selected locations.

(b) The Department of Ocean Development is implementing a marine pollution monitoring programme viz. Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Prediction System (COMAPS) since 1990-91 to assess the health of the sea. Some of the major steps being taken to check the marine pollution inter-alia include:

- Systematic monitoring of levels of pollutants along the selected regions of the country's coastline and collection of data on levels of pollution over a period of time,
- intensive monitoring of areas of concern, to constantly assess the health of the seas and locate the areas that need immediate and long term remedial action,
- alerting the authorities concerned such as Central and State Pollution Control Boards for remedial action in areas where the pollution is likely to become an environmental concern,
- preparing an inventory of the sources of pollutants by the State Pollution Control Boards.