

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SEA EROSION
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total areas in east coast in Orissa affected by sea erosion;
- (b) the steps taken to check sea erosion during the last three years;
- (c) the amount spent and the financial assistance given to the State for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Government propose to enhance Central assistance during 2002-03; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No information regarding total area affected by sea erosion in east coast in Orissa is available. However, as reported by the Government of Orissa, total length of coastline affected by sea erosion in Orissa is 107.55 kms.

(b) Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning funding, executing and operating flood control schemes including sea erosion primarily rests with the State Governments. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

A revised proposal amounting to Rs.505.73 crore received from the Government of Orissa in July, 2001 for inclusion in the National Coastal Protection Project which, envisaged construction of seawalls at open beaches (75.20 km) and at mouth of rivers (23.35 km), new saline embankments (74.80 km) and river bank protection works in tidal reaches (43.201 km) was examined in Central Water Commission (CWC) and comments sent to the State Government in October, 2001. The reply to the comments is awaited from the State Government.

Further, the schemes costing Rs.4.95 crore for inclusion in the proposed Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) as received from the State of Orissa were also examined in CWC and comments sent to the State Government in January, 2002 the reply of which is awaited.

(c), (d) & (e) No Central Assistance to check sea erosion was provided to the State of Orissa during the last three years.