

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MYSTERIES IN OCEAN
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of schemes being run by the department for extending the information of interesting and Scientific mysteries in the oceans to various concerned areas;
- (b) the locations where pictures and film exhibitions etc. have been organised;
- (c) whether similar exhibitions are proposed to be organised in other towns of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

a. Under Ocean Observation and Information services (OOIS) program of the Department of Ocean Development, information relating to potential fishing zone (PFZ) is being disseminated to selected locations in coastal states.

b. Under OOIS program digital display boards have been installed at Ratnagiri, Machilipatnam, Kakinada and Visakhapatnam. The PFZ related information is being disseminated through satellite audio broadcast at Machilipatnam, Vizag, Behrampur, Kakinada, Kochi, Mangalore and Ratnagiri. In addition, the Department also organises/participates in exhibitions and fairs organised at different locations with a view to promote ocean awareness among public and school children. The details of such participation in the last two years is as follows:

2001-2002

1. `Made in India` show at Johannesburg, South Africa from 18-21 July, 2001.
2. `India Trade Exhibition` at Sao Paulo, Brazil from 25-29th September, 2001.
3. India International Maritime Expo 2001 (INMEX 2001) at Mumbai from 10-13th October 2001.
4. India International Trade Fair 2001 (IITF 2001) at New Delhi, from 14-27th November 2001. (Awarded silver medal and adjudged second for excellence in display)
5. `Swadeshi Vigyan Mela` at Kochi from 12-19th January 2002. (Department won a special prize awarded by the Jury for its excellent exhibits)

2002-2003

1. Enviro International 2002, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 12-15th September, 2002. (Department's pavilion received an award of appreciation)
2. Swdeshi Mela, K.P. Ground, Allahabad during Oct.25-30, 2002. (The Department won the best participant award)
3. India International Trade Fair (IITF` 2002) held at New Delhi during November 14-27, 2002.
4. Swdeshi Mela, at Mumbai from 28th Jan.- 4th Feb., 2003.

5. Exhibition `The Ocean and the World` with India International Centre at New Delhi, from 11-16th February, 2003.
6. Indian Trade Fair 2003, at Moscow from 17-21 February, 2003.

c. Organising exhibitions are a part of the programs undertaken by the Department.

d. The locations are selected on the basis of invitations received in this regard or considering the requirement for such exercise.