

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AWARENESS OF ACTIVITIES OF SEA
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the beach profile has been completely changed in all the Tsunami hit districts in Tamil Nadu and unusually high tidal activities occurring frequently in the above places causing great apprehension to the coastal districts ;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to educate the people in the Tsunami hit districts about the activities of sea ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) No measurement has been made on beach profile in the tsunami hit districts in Tamil Nadu. However, measurements made at Ennore area near Chennai has not indicated significant changes in beach profile after tsunami.

(c) To spread Disaster/Tsunami Awareness, the Ministry of Ocean Development have been funding institutions for organizing seminars/symposiums/workshops/ocean awareness programmes etc.

Tsunami has already been included as a part of education in Disaster Management in social sciences curriculum of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) at the secondary stage. For classes VIII, IX, X a publication `Towards a safer India` has been brought out. A chapter on Tsunami and basic skills for management of the disaster have been introduced for class X.