

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1934
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SAFETY MEASURES IN COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tsunami effected States are considering to construct concrete wall across the coastal area to safeguard it in any future disaster;
- (b) if so, whether concerned State Governments have sought financial assistance from Central Government/Prime Minister's Relief Fund in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): The State Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu had, in their memoranda for financial assistance submitted to Ministry of Home Affairs, inter-alia requested for Central assistance of Rs. 372.88 crore and Rs. 345 crore respectively for construction of walls in the coastal areas as a safeguard against future disasters. Release of funds for such long term measures has so far not been considered. The Government have constituted a Core Group under the Planning Commission to plan and make provisions for long term rehabilitation and infrastructure reconstruction in the Tsunami affected areas.