

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1649
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SEA EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the loss of coastal land borders due to sea erosion in the coast of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the losses suffered by the State Government during the last three years and the steps taken by the Government to prevent the same; and
- (c) the amount earmarked/released to the State Government during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) As reported by Government of Kerala, total area eroded during the last three years due to sea erosion is about 57.3 hectares. The State Government has been constructing new seawalls and reforming the existing ones using the State funds. However, considering the severity of sea-erosion problems in certain reaches, Government of India has taken up a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for anti-sea erosion works in critical areas in March 2004 on pilot basis with an estimated cost of Rs. 20.64 crore. This includes anti-sea erosion works of Kerala States also. The Government of India has released Rs. 50.00 lakh as the first installment of the central grant to Kerala during 2003-04 to take up the identified anti-sea erosion works in Kerala. No demand has been received from the Government of Kerala during current year.