

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1032

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COASTAL AFFORESTATION

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has submitted any project to the Union Government for coastal afforestation by conservation and management of mangroves and other associated plants along the Orissa coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to (c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests have identified 38 sites on a nation-wide basis as appropriate for planting of mangroves and their conservation and management. Of these, seven sites, namely Bhitarkanika, Mahanadi, Subernarekha, Devi-Kadua, Dhamra, Chilka and Mangrove Genetic Resources Centre (Kalibhanj-Dia) are in Orissa. Proposals were received from State Forest Department, Govt. of Orissa for three sites viz. Bhitarkanika, Mahanadi and Devi-Kadua for which a sum of Rs. 123.29 lakhs has been sanctioned and Rs. 83.406 lakhs has already been released during the current financial year.