

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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CHEMICAL RESIDUES ON BEACHES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether due to the overpowering stink of chemical residues strewn all over in Tithal, Umargam(Gujarat) and Umarsadi Beaches on Valsad and Devka Beaches in Daman, tourists are staying away from these beaches;and

(b)if so, the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India laid emphasis on cleanliness and solid waste management at tourist destinations/circuits including beaches to enhance visitors experience.

As informed by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, they take up such issues with the concerned State Pollution Control Board to closely monitor the compliance of conditions in the Environmental Clearances of exploratory, drilling and developmental activities for oil and gas and with concerned State Pollution Control Board/Maritime Board to ensure strict compliance of the conditions stipulated while according permission/authorization to the ship breaking yards.