

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

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SUSTAINABLE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Centre for sustainable Coastal Zone Management (CZM) was launched with the support of consortium of 11 institutions to focus on capacity building and research CZM at Chennai;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has decided to invest Rs.166 crore to create the consortium;
- (c) if so, whether this would have an outreach component to coastal communities and link up with such institutions around the world;
- (d) if so, whether the three integrated CZM projects were also being launched in West Bengal, Orissa and Gujarat;
- (e) whether National Centre for Sustainable CZM was being created to provide scientific and technical inputs to Government policies on issues relating to CZM ; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) : The National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) with a budget of Rs.166crores has been established at Anna University, Chennai under the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project. The NCSCM and 11 identified research institutions in various coastal States in the country would undertake research and developmental studies.
- (c) : The mandate of NCSCM also includes, socio-economic studies of the coastal communities and provision of linkages with other institutions working in the coastal zone management area elsewhere in the world.
- (d) : The World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project includes a State component which are implemented in three States, namely, Gujarat, Orissa and West Bengal.
- (e)&(f) : One of the activities of the NCSCM is to study and provide scientific and socio-economic inputs to various stakeholders; including the Government for policy formulation and effective management of coastal areas.