

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is working out for the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Zone Management (NCSCZM) with the support of a consortium of certain institutions to focus on capacity-building and research in coastal zone management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the linkage with coastal communities is especially important because too often in our country research is divorced from field conditions and challenges; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereupon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has initiated the implementation of a World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project.
- (b): Under the project the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) has been established within Anna University, Chennai. This Centre, alongwith a consortium of fourteen identified research centres located in the coastal States and Union Territories, will undertake activities relating to capacity building and research in the area of coastal zone management
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): The NCSCM includes, an Integrated Social Sciences and Economics Division. In this Division the major activities inter-alia, are to advice the Central Government and coastal State/Union territory Governments with regard to policy, legal and scientific matters relating to Integrated Coastal Zone Management and to serve as a interface between coastal communities, experts and stakeholders to promote applied research, education and awareness with respect to Integrated Coastal Zone Management.