

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

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EIA REPORT ON EROSION STRETCHES

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

- (a) whether the Government has made it mandatory to prepare comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for obtaining Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance in the low and medium erosion stretches in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has put up such restriction based on any scientific study;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some State Governments have requested to Government to consider the project for CRZ clearance based on rapid EIA instead of comprehensive EIA report in low and medium erosion areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Environment and Forests had notified the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification (CRZ) dated 06.01.2011 in supersession of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification dated 19.02.1991. The Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011, prohibits Port and harbour projects in high eroding stretches of the coast, except those projects classified as strategic and defence related in terms of EIA notification, 2006 identified by MoEF based on scientific studies and in consultation with the State Government or the Union territory Administration.

However, the Notification permits Port and harbour projects in the stretches classified as low and medium eroding stretches of the coast based on comprehensive EIA with cumulative studies for projects. In Medium and Low eroding stretches, development of Port and Harbor projects are permitted only with shore protection measures viz beach nourishment, sand by- passing etc, and the specific conditions on regular monitoring of shore lines. High, Medium, Low erosion stretches and stable coasts are delineated through the assessment of shore line change through National Center for Sustainable Coastal Management.

(d) : No Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (d) above.