

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

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MAPPING OF HAZARD LINE IN COASTAL AREA

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the process for mapping and marking the hazard line along the coasts to protect property and human lives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the project;
- (c) the present status of the project and the time by which the project is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether the Government has sought suggestions from various quarters in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)to (f) Under the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project, the Government has initiated the process of hazard line mapping along the coast of India in collaboration with Survey of India at an estimated cost of Rs. 125 crore. So far, the aerial photography of the coastline has been completed and work of photogrammetry of the aerial photographs is in progress. The project is scheduled for completion by December, 2015.

The methodology of hazard line mapping was finalised after detailed consultation with various Central Ministries/Departments such as Department of Science & Technology, Department of Defence Research and Development, Department of Space, Department of Ocean Development and Ministry of Tourism as well as the Departments of Environment and Forests of the coastal States, State Coastal Zone Management Authorities, experts from various research and educational institutions and representatives of civil society.