

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

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PROTECTION OF BIO-DIVERSITY  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the proposed port in Poshitra in Jamnagar would destroy crucial marine bio-diversity in the Gulf of Kutch; and
- (b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to protect the precious aquatic life in this region?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAI RAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Ministry has received a proposal on 14-06-2007 from M/s. Gujarat Poshitra Port Company Ltd. for finalization of Terms of Reference (TOR) for the development of Poshitra Port at Jamnagar. After the recommendation of the Expert Appraisal Committee, Ministry has issued TOR on 01-08-2007.

The TOR issued also included to examine the impact on marine and terrestrial ecology and asked the project proponent to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to mitigate the likely impacts.

The project proponent has not yet submitted the requisite EIA and EMP for appraisal of the project to the Ministry.