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Title: Need to formulate and embark on a plan to prevent erosion of sea-beaches in Orissa.

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These are unnatural phenomenon and needs scientific reasoning. Steps should also be taken to project the Prestine beaches along the eastern coast. This is rapidly occurring after the Tsunami.

It is apprehended that the sea current is changing course and it is due to that the coastline of Orissa are getting eroded. Orissa State Government has sought expert advice from the Integrated Coastal and Marine Area Management Project Directorate of Chennai and other institutions.

At the same time, I request that the Ministry of Earth Sciences should also step in to salvage the position.

The wave action is very severe along the Orissa Coast this time. This has been confirmed by the Ministry. During Monsoon, sea waves are getting very forceful and take sand away from the beaches and dump it about one to two kilometer away. The beach, however, is build up and restored once the monsoon abates. But peculiarly this has not happened in last two three years.

Therefore, there is a need to have scientific road map to protect the beaches. Centre should provide funds to build 2-3 metre high sea walls along the beach by dumping boulders in the sea to minimize the erosion.