

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 999**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

**Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport**

999. DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether comprehensive studies were done before sanctioning Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport Project;
- (b) if so, the details of the various studies and their findings; and
- (c) the details of in-built provisions for ensuring protection of environment and coast as part of the project?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report along with Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is a prime requirement for the grant of prior environmental clearance for the projects and/or activities listed in the Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006. Regarding Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport Project, a comprehensive EIA/EMP report was submitted along with application for seeking prior Environmental Clearance (EC) and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Clearance, which inter-alia includes mathematical model studies, wave disturbance study, hydrodynamic modelling, dredge spoil disposal study, shoreline changes study etc. Based on the findings and recommendations of the studies, a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan was prepared.

Regarding protection of environment; the statutory provisions laid down in the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended and CRZ Notification, 2011 for carrying out the process of grant of prior environmental clearance and CRZ clearance ensures that ecological security is not compromised. Further, for effective implementation and close supervision of the environmental impacts and its mitigations which are likely to arise during construction and operation phases of the project, an Environmental Management Plan and its implementation mechanism have been prepared as a part of EIA report.

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