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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Implementation of National Coastal Mission in Andhra Pradesh

2141. SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU:

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

- (a) the strategies adopted under the National Coastal Mission for balancing ecological conservation with economic activities along the Andhra Pradesh coastline;
- (b) the number of coastal conservation and restoration projects approved under the Mission in the State;
- (c) the initiatives undertaken under the Mission to strengthen climate resilience through restoration of mangroves, coastal wetlands and other blue carbon ecosystems in the State; and
- (d) the mechanism undertaken for participation of local communities, fishermen and Urban Local Bodies for implementation of the Mission in the State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): The National Coastal Mission (NCM) is a Central Sector Scheme under the National Coastal Management Programme (NCMP), aimed at enhancing the ecological resilience and sustainability of coastal regions. The scheme was approved with a budgetary outlay of ₹87 crore for a period of five years (FY 2021–2026) and subsumed under NCM 2.0 (2025-31) with an outlay of ₹767 crore. The scheme seeks to address challenges related to climate change in coastal areas through vulnerability risk assessments, implementation of adaptive and mitigative measures including capacity building. It also emphasizes on awareness generation on climate challenges among coastal communities, and other stakeholders to strengthen local adaptive capacities. The scheme envisages sustainable and climate-resilient development of blue economy activities, through spatial and temporal planning of coastal ecosystem and diversified livelihood opportunities for coastal communities.

State Governments, through their respective departments, are key stakeholders in the planning, designing, implementation, monitoring, and maintenance of projects under the Scheme. Under the National Coastal Mission, beach cleaning cum awareness programmes were organized in collaboration with Coastal States and Union Territories including Andhra Pradesh. The objective is to sensitize coastal communities about importance of clean beaches, its impact on coastal ecosystems and marine environment. These activities were carried out through participation of local communities, college and school students, National Cadet Corps, Indian Coast Guard, Non-Governmental Organisations and other stakeholders. Financial support from NCM, amounting to a total of ₹12.75 lakhs (2023–2025) was given for such awareness programmes across eight beaches in the state.
