GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. 2064 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2018

Environmental Coastal Protection Projects

2064: SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM

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

- (a) whether environmental coastal protection projects are being implemented in the country for different coastal States including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details of the projects indicating the work being done and the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (c) whether there has been any delay in implementation of these projects; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)& (b) To protect and conserve the coastal and marine environment, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is implementing the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Project in selected coastal stretches of Gujarat, Odisha and West Bengal under Phase-I. The total budget for this project is Rs. 1655.10 Crores and activities aimed at conservation of natural coastal resources, pollution abatement, alternative livelihood for coastal community and capacity building have been undertaken under the project. The High Tide Line for the entire coast of the country have also been delineated in addition to mapping of Ecological Sensitive Areas and Sedimentation Cells along the Indian coast.
- (c)& (d) The duration of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Project was initially from 2010 to March 2015 but was extended upto December 2018. The delay is due to natural catastrophe viz.Phallin Cyclone in Odisha, local elections in the states of West Bengal and Gujarat and repeated non responsive bids for some components of the project.