

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 86
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/12/2018

COASTAL AGRICULTURE

86. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to upgrade the status of coastal agriculture in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total length of the East and West coastlines of the country in kilometres;
- (c) the total number of coastal regions of India along with the total coastal districts in mainland and the total population of coastal districts in the country; and
- (d) the details of different components of the coastal ecosystems and their extent thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair, A&N Islands; Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa; Indian Institute of Oilpalm Research, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh; Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod, Kerala; Central Institute of Brackish Water Aquaculture, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi, Kerala; Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, Kerala; Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Regional Research Station, Canning Town. West Bengal has developed technologies to strengthen coastal agriculture.
- (b) The total length of the East and West coastlines of the country is 7516.6 km.
- (c) Broadly the coastal region of India comes under four agro ecological regions. There are total of 69 coastal districts in mainland. The total population of the coastal districts of India is 171 million.

(d) The details of different components of the coastal ecosystems and their extent (IOM, 2017) are being given below:-

Sr. No.	Component	Extent
1	Coastal wetlands	43230 km ²
2	Major estuaries	97
3	Major lagoons	34
4	Mangrove areas	31
5	Area under mangrove	6740 km ² (57% East coast, 23% West coast, 20% Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
6	Coral reef area	5
7	Marine protected areas	31
8	Areas covered by MPA	6271.2 km ²
