

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 847
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022

Ocean Pollution

847. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BAHSHIR:

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

- (a) whether the Government intended to have a comprehensive program for ocean pollution studies and control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government will take measures to control pollution in oceans?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) under the umbrella scheme "Ocean-Services, Modelling, Application, Resources and Technology (O-SMART)" has a component on Coastal Research. Under this component, activities such as Marine Pollution Monitoring, Prediction, Development of Standards, Marine Litter and Microplastics are covered for generating data and developing action plans for the abatement and control of coastal pollution in consultation with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and the Pollution Control Committees (PCCs).

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) is monitoring the water quality of creeks / sea water / marine water at 194 locations in eight states (Andhra Pradesh-12, Goa-14, Gujarat-3, Kerala- 6, Maharashtra-34, Odisha-90, West Bengal-1 and Tamil Nadu-34) on a monthly basis in collaboration with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs). The water quality is assessed and compared with the Primary Water Quality Criteria for Sea water-II (Bathing, Contact water sports & Commercial fishing). The execution of action plans to restore sea water quality along the Indian coastal areas is overseen by River/Coastal Rejuvenation Committees in respective Coastal States/UTs and further monitored at central level by the Central Monitoring Committee.
