

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2167**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.9.2020

**Blue Flag Certification**

2167. SHRI PINAKI MISRA.

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

- (a) the details of beaches that have been recommended for 'Blue Flag' Certification, State/UTs;
- (b) the status of recommendations, including the estimated timeline;
- (c) the criteria adopted by the Government for making such recommendations;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide increased financial assistance to beaches thus recommended, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the government is taking measures to develop more beaches according to 'Blue Flag' standards, and if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

(a) to (c) 'Blue Flag' certification is accorded by an international agency "Foundation for Environment Education" (FEE) Denmark, based on 33 stringent criteria under four major heads i.e. (i) Environmental Education and Information, (ii) bathing water Quality, (iii) Environment Management and Conservation and (iv) safety and services in the beaches. The National Jury has recommended the following eight beaches for Blue Flag Certification:

Sr. No.	Beach name	State/UT
1	Shivrajpur	Gujarat
2	Ghoghla	Diu, (Daman & Diu)
3	Kasarkod	Karnataka
4	Padubidri	Karnataka
5	Kappad	Kerala
6	Rushikonda	Andhra Pradesh
7	Golden	Odisha
8	Radhanagar	Andaman & Nicobar

The appraisal for the Blue Flag Certification by FEE Denmark is scheduled in October, 2020.

(d) to (e) The Ministry has allocated funds for sustainable development of these beaches, infrastructure facilities and fulfillment of gaps for the compliance to the 33 criteria of FEE, Denmark, including operation and maintenance of the beach facilities and services till March 2021. It is further envisaged to develop about 100 such beaches in the next 5 years, under the Beach Environment and Aesthetics Management Services (BEAMS) programme of the Ministry.

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