

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2769**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

**Blue Flag Programme for Beaches**

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

- (a) The details regarding progress made under the Blue Flag Programme for beaches and marinas;
- (b) the total number of beaches in the country currently having the Blue Flag certification, Beach-wise and State /UT-wise;
- (c) the details of assistance being provided to boost tourism at Rushikonda Beach in Vishakhapatnam which was recently awarded the Blue Flag certification; and
- (d) the details of other such measures being taken for boosting eco-tourism in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)&(b) The Ministry has embarked upon a programme for 'Blue Flag' Certification for select beaches in the country. Out of 10 beaches, works at 8 beaches have completed and works are under progress at two beachesnamely; Kovalam beach (Tamil Nadu) and Eden beach (Puducherry).

Total 8 beaches having Blue Flag Certificates in the country which are Ghoghala Beach (Daman &Diu), Shivrajpur beach (Gujarat), Padubidri and Kasarkod (Karnataka), Kappad beach

(Kerala),Rushikonda beach (Andhra Pradesh), Golden beach (Odisha), and Radhanagar beach (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

(c) Rushikonda beach has been provided a financial assistant of Rs. 6.15 Cr. in FY 2018-2020 and provision of Rs.2.41 Cr in FY 2020-21 is made out of which Rs. 1.66 Cr expenditure has been incurred for Rushikonda beach. Beside the above, technical supports for achieving Blue Flag criteria has been given by the Ministry to State Government.

(d) Under ICZM (Phase-I) Project, beach cleaning activity at Dandi Beach, Marine Interpretation Centres, Sea turtle hatchery at Okha Madhi and Mandvi have been completed in Gujarat. Eco-tourism infrastructures at four location around Chilika lake in Odisha completed. Several initiatives such as Beachfront development includes Beach Beautification, construction of watch towers, Beach amenity have been carried out at Digha Beach in West Bengal.Eco-Tourism complex has also been constructed consisting of 14 small eco-huts, 8 large tented huts, an eating house, a toilet block, reception block and a dormitory block in Sagar Island, in West Bengal.

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