### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3473 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

#### **Eco-friendly Beaches**

3473: SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY: SHRI POCHABRAHMANANDA REDDY: SHRI MADDILAGURUMOORTHY:

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

- (a) whether Government has identified potential beaches to be taken up for eco-friendly development under BEAMS in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the status of progress made in the development of the beaches; and
- (c) the funds allocated and released for beaches under BEAMS in Andhra Pradesh?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

#### (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c): Scientific survey such as Beach Suitability Assessment Survey, Bathing Water Quality Test, Safety Risk Assessment, Environment & Social Management Plans are conducted to assess beaches for eco-friendly development under BEAMS. Ministry in collaboration with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified five potential beaches in Andhra Pradesh.

Rushikonda Beach in Andhra Pradesh has been developed at par with best international beaches for safety and ecologically sustainable infrastructures, acceptable bathing water quality, self-sustaining energy system and for environmentally sound measures. This beach has been conferred with internationally recognized Blue Flag Certification for FY 2021-22 season. Fund allocated and released for Rushikonda beach is Rs. 8,54,24,760/- during the period 2019-2021. The budget provision for development of eco-friendly beaches under BEAMS for Financial Year 2021-2022 for the country is Rs.12.00 Crore.

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