GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1470 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2015

Erosion of Coastline

1470. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Coastline of Odisha is under threat from erosion;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the coastline for of Odisha from erosion; and
- (c) the Budget provision allocated for the current financial year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) As per the information provided by Coastal Erosion Directorate, Ministry of Water Resources, and the assessment carried out by National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, Chennai, the Odisha coast is experiencing erosion along its shoreline. To combat coastal erosion, Government of Odisha through its Water Resources Department has undertaken scientific studies. The appropriate coastal erosion control measures are being installed which include installing the geo tube embankments, soft engineering technologies like, mangrove afforestation. For mitigating coastal erosion, an amount of Rs.2626.97 lakhs has been provided for the FY 2015-16 under the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project by this Ministry.
