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RAJYA SABHA

Project for coastal conservation and management

4038. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

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

(a) whether any proposal for an integrated project for coastal conservation and management was submitted to the Government by the Government of Gujarat or any other State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Central Government has initiated an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project based on the approach suggested by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Committee, that had reviewed the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. The States identified for the project are Orissa, West Bengal and Gujarat.

(b) For implementing the above project, the Central Government has sought technical and financial assistance from multilateral donor agencies, including the World Bank. The project includes demarcation of Vulnerability line, mapping of ecologically sensitive areas, institutional development and capacity building, Control of pollution from land based activities and preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for the coastal stretches of the above 3 identified coastal States.

Environmental research

4039. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan size of environmental research and its management;

(b) whether there is any proposal to give more autonomy to environmental research through private sectors and NGOs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?