

**Urban coastal lands**

815. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has lifted a freeze on development of urban coastal lands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of Coastal Eco Zone (CEZ) projects in the country along with pilot CEZ projects approved for development; and

(d) whether port-based industrialisation consisting of coastal tourism, logistic parks, warehousing and fisheries development would also be planned in the coastal areas, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In supersession to the CRZ Notification, 2011, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change have issued a new CRZ Notification *vide* number GSR 37(E), dated 18.01.2019. As per the aforesaid notification, construction of buildings for residential purposes, schools, hospitals, institutions, offices, public places etc. in CRZ-II areas shall be permitted only on the landward side of the existing road, or on the landward side of existing authorised fixed structures. Such buildings shall be subjected to the local town and country planning regulations as applicable from time to time and the norms for the Floor Space Index or Floor Area Ratio prevailing as on date of the said notification.

(c) and (d) Developmental projects including port-based industrialisation, coastal tourism, logistic parks, warehousing and fisheries development etc. in coastal areas are carried out by various agencies in the States and the Centre in accordance with the extant Coastal Regulation Zone regulations. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change also administers various coastal management projects financed by National and International agencies such as the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project, Mainstreaming coastal and marine biodiversity into production sectors in Sindhudurg in Maharashtra and Godhavari Estuary in Andhra Pradesh, Climate resilient coastal protection and management in India and Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem etc.