

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 502**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.07.2022

**Blue Flag Standards for beaches in the country**

502. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:  
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started a project to develop the beaches in the country according to the Blue Flag Standards and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of beaches in the country that have got the blue flag which is bestowed upon the cleanest beaches in the world ;
- (c) whether one of the main concerns of tourists visiting beaches is the high level of pollution of beaches and waterways and if so, the details thereof along with the major sources of beach pollution; and
- (d) whether any Centrally Sponsored Scheme is proposed to be implemented for cleaning beaches and if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b) :Under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) has piloted Beach Environment & Aesthetic Management Service (BEAMS) Programme. Under this programme, various activities related to pollution abatement, beach awareness, aesthetics, safety, surveillances services and environment education, etc., have been done at identified beaches aimed to achieve international standards for Blue Flag Beach Certification.

Total 10 beaches situated in 6 States and 3 Union Territories have been developed at par with best international beaches with safety and ecologically sustainable infrastructure, acceptable bathing water quality, self-sustaining energy supply and environmentally sound services/management measures. Beaches that have been conferred with internationally recognized Blue Flag Certification are:

- (1) Shivrajpur, Devbhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat
- (2) Ghoghla (Diu) Dadara Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
- (3) Padubidri, Udupi District, Karnataka
- (4) Kasarkod, Karwar District, Karnataka
- (5) Kappad, Kozhikode District, Kerala
- (6) Kovalam, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu
- (7) Eden, Puducherry District, Puducherry
- (8) Rushikonda, Vishakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh
- (9) Golden, Puri District, Odisha
- (10) Radhanagar (Havelock), Andaman & Nicobar Islands

(c): National Center for Coastal Research (NCCR) under Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) conducted studies on the qualitative analysis of litter in different beaches along the east and west coast of India. Studies indicated that the plastic litter from tourism varies from 40% to 96%. As per the studies conducted by MoEF&CC and MoES, most of the harbors and beaches have high beach litter.

(d): There is no proposal for Central Sponsored Scheme by MoEFCC for cleaning beaches.

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