

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1565
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY, 2024**

COASTAL CLEAN-UP PROGRAMMES

1565. SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of Coastal clean-up programmes conducted by the Government so far; and
- (b) the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the benefits of the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
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- (a) The total coastal clean-up programs conducted in the Indian Coastal Region so far is 300, since 2017. Out of which 236 beach clean-up events has been conducted by National Center for Coastal Research (NCCR) MoES. The remaining number of coastal clean-up activities has been conducted by (i) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF & CC) in collaboration with Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and as part of several existing Government initiatives such as Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar, Swachhata Pakhwada etc and (ii) National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa as part of International Coastal Clean-up Day and World Oceans Day.
- (b) The state-wise/ UT-wise details are provided in the table below.

State/UT	Number of beach clean-up event conducted by NCCR (MoES) and MoEF & CC					
	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
Gujarat	-	-	3	3	13	5
Maharashtra	-	-	3	3	6	8
Goa	-	-	3	2	6	4
Karnataka	-	1	2	6	6	6
Kerala	-	1	4	1	10	9
Tamil Nadu	1	2	9	12	14	12
Puducherry	-	-	1	4	6	4
Andhra Pradesh	-	1	1	2	8	47
Odisha	-	1	4	6	7	5
West Bengal	-	-	1	1	9	4
Lakshadweep Islands	-	-	2	-	7	5

Andaman& Nicobar Islands	-	1	2	1	3	3
Daman	-	-	-	-	2	-
Diu	-	-	-	1	-	3
Total	1	7	35	41	97	112

The beach cleaning is participated by local communities, students, public representatives, officials, civil society organizations etc. These campaigns lead to cleaning of beaches of waste comprising of plastic, glass, wood, fish nets, metal and food waste etc. These beach cleaning drives leads to spreading awareness by addressing public about the following:

- Cleanliness of beaches and protecting beach environment from pollutants.
- Raising awareness amongst the population to avoid use of single use plastics.
- Raising awareness among fishermen to avoid dumping of torn and waste nets during fishing operation at sea.
- Promoting environmental responsibility and maintaining the beauty of coastal areas.
- Educating the youth and children the importance of clean and health oceans.
