

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:102  
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ECOLOGICAL IMPACT OF SAND MINING  
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**Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (A) WHETHER ANY STUDY HAS BEEN CONDUCTED TO ASCERTAIN THE ECOLOGICAL IMPACT OF SAND MINING COASTAL SEA BEDS;
- (B) IF SO, THE DETAILS THEREOF ALONG WITH THE NAMES OF AGENCIES WITH EXPERTISE TO CONDUCT STUDIES IN THE COUNTRY; AND
- (C) THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE BASIS OF SUCH STUDY?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(A),(B),(C) NO, SIR No study has been conducted by the government to ascertain the ecological impact of sand mining in the coastal sea beds.