

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE INSTITUTE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a marine institute to preserve marine and coastal bio-diversity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the Institute is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has entrusted the task of setting up a national institute for coastal and marine biodiversity to Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.
- (b) & (c) WII has taken steps to set up the Institute at Kanyakumari. The Institute will be inter alia conducting studies relating to management of coastal and marine biodiversity. The Government has already sanctioned an amount of Rs 20.00 lakhs so far for this purpose.