

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

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VULNERABILITY LINE ALONG COASTLINE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to draw a vulnerability line along the coastline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this will be on the lines of the systems prevailing in developed countries; and
- (d) if so, by when the vulnerability line is likely to be finalised and to come into force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan Committee recommends demarcation of vulnerability line taking into account elevation, geology, geomorphology, sea level trends, shoreline displacement, tidal ranges and wave heights.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The methodology for demarcation of vulnerability line for Indian conditions require detailed in-depth examination of the parameters listed above and discussions with various Coastal State Governments before demarcating the same on the ground.