

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

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AFFORESTATION OF SEA COAST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning afforestation of sea coast with mangroves to combat sea erosion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any such proposal from the Government of Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Mangroves do prevent coastal erosion. However, not all coastal areas are suitable for mangrove plantation as mangroves require an appropriate mix of saline & freshwater, and soft substrate like mudflats to be able to grow and perpetuate. On a nation-wide basis, 35 sites have been identified as appropriate for planting of mangroves.

(c) & (d) Vembanad in Kerala is one of the 35 mangrove sites identified by the Government for intensive conservation and management. Management Action Plan for 2005-06 for Vembanad Mangrove area has not been received.