

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1563  
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SEA EROSION  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether continuing sea erosion of the beaches of Kerala coast is threatening the ecological balance in the narrow land strips between Cannoly canal and sea at Kadappuram beach near Guruvayoor;
- (b) whether the light house at Vatanappally beach is destroyed by sea erosion and another at Kadappuram beach near Guruvayoor is being threatened by sea erosion; and
- (c) if so, the concrete steps, proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) There was no light house at Vatanappally beach excepting one guiding light mounted over a steel fabricated tower installed by the Vatanappally Grama Panchayat, which has collapsed this year due to sea erosion. However, there is a light house in Kadappuram beach, which is threatened by the sea erosion.

(c) Planning and implementation of anti-erosion works primarily rest with the concerned State Governments. Accordingly, the Government of Kerala has taken required protection measures at Kadappuram and Vatanappally including emergency works to protect the road and the light house from further damages, construction of 1000m long new long sea wall at Vatanappally covering the light house portion etc. However, it is reported by the State Government that new protection works are also being planned.