

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4065  
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SETTING UP OF COASTAL RADIO STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set up Coastal Radio Stations to facilitate the fishermen working in India Ocean;
- (b) if so, the location-wise details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on each of such stations;
- (d) the names of the Coastal areas where the government proposes to set up such stations during the current financial year;
- (e) whether it is a fact that in most of the Coastal areas fisherman have not been provided walkie-talkie sets so far;
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide such sets to fishermen; and
- (g) the time by which all the coastal areas will be covered by Coastal Radio Stations and walkie-talkie?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL )

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The details of the states alongwith the locations of the shore stations and expenditure incurred are as follows:

S. No. Name of the State Location of station and expenditure (Rs. In lakhh)

1. Andhra Pradesh Machilipatnam(17.86) & Kalingapatnam(17.86)
2. Tamilnadu Nagapatnam (17.86) & Tuticorin (17.86)
3. Karnataka Malpe (17.86) & Hannover (17.86)
4. Goa Betul (17.86) & Salegao (30.43)
5. West Bengal Fraserganj (30.43) & Shankarpur (30.43) 6. Orissa Chandipur (30.43) & Paradip (30.43)
- 7 Pondicherry Periyaveer- (30.43) ampattinam
8. Andaman & Nicobar Marine Hill, (30.43) Port Blair

(d)-(g) The Department of Ocean Development does not have any new proposal to set up coastal radio stations, as this Department had taken up the program on a pilot scale to demonstrate the usefulness of the communication technology to provide safety to the fishermen at sea.