

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER INGRESS INTO COASTAL VILLAGES OF TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that water ingress into the coastal villages of Tamil Nadu is taking place very frequently;
- (b) if so, whether early warning system to Tsunami and storm surges has been set up;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether National Cyclone Risk Mitigation project is being implemented in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) There have been some reports of sea water ingress taking place after the Tsunami event of 2004 in Tamil Nadu.
- (b)&(c) The Government is setting up a National Early Warning System for Tsunami and Storm Surges in Indian Ocean and the system is scheduled to be operational by the end of September 2007. An interim warning centre is already working at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh on a 24x7 basis.
- (d)&(e) The National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) has been drawn up with a view to address cyclone hazard risks in 13 Cyclone prone coastal States/UTs, including Tamil Nadu. The cyclone warning system is already functional and cyclone warnings are being provided by India Meteorological Department for all the coastal regions of the country.