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Government of India
Central Water Commission
Coastal Erosion Directorate

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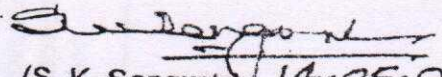
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Sub: - Particulars regarding Coastal Erosion in India.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 21/4/2003 for certain particulars regarding coastal erosion in India. I am directed to forward reply to the queries raised in the above letter as Annex - I.

Enclosed: Annex - I.


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1.	What is the reason for Coastal Erosion in India?	Briefly, the causes of coastal erosion can be summarised as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waves and Tides attack • Rise in sea level • Monsoon vagaries such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing away of beach material • Washing away of vegetative growth from coast. • Human interference for developmental activities such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of fishing harbour, wharf, etc. • Unplanned construction of coastal protection work • Reduced supply of adequate sand in coastal region due to creation of storages upstream, etc.
2.	How many Kilometers of Coast line available in India?	As per National Hydrographic Office, Dehra Dun, the Indian sub-continent has a long coastline, extending to a length of about 7516.60 kms including Daman, Diu, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Island.
3.	How many Kilometers of Coast line affected by Coastal Erosion?	Almost all the maritime States/UTs are facing coastal erosion problem in various magnitudes. About 1350 kms coastline (excluding A&N Islands) has been reported to be affected by sea erosion.
4.	Do you have any reports or publications in connection with the Coastal Erosion in India and related activities? If yes please send one copy to my constituency office address for my office reference.	Copy of the following reports or publications in connection with the Coastal Erosion in India is enclosed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proceedings of Beach Erosion Board Meetings 2. Mud Banks
5.	Kindly provide me the list of publications published in connection with Environment Aspects and Coastal Erosion and other activities of your department.	The list of publications relating to Environment Aspects is enclosed. The updated list of publications brought out by the Central Water Commission will be provided in due course.