

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 69  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY JUNE 21, 2019**

**CLEAN SEAS CAMPAIGN**

**69. SRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:**

**Will the Minister of Earth Sciences be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry is proposing to join United Nations Clean Seas Campaign;**
- (b) if so, the details of the observatory centres planned;**
- (c) the steps taken by Government to control marine litter like plastics and microplastics?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

- (a) Yes Sir.**
- (b) As a part of this endeavour, it is proposed to monitor marine coastal pollution at two locations, one each on the east and west coasts of India.**
- (c) A number of steps have been initiated by the Government of India, including monitoring, banning of single use of plastic bags, generating awareness among the public, school and college students and tourists of better recycling systems adopted for the marine litter management. The data on source of marine litter for various beaches and coastlines being collected are provided to the concerned ministries for taking appropriate measures. Besides, periodical awareness and cleanliness campaigns are being conducted in selected locations, in coordination with various national and international organizations to promote awareness among the public on the importance and the need to preserve our coasts.**

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