

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 508
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, July 23, 2018**

UN CLEAN SEAS CAMPAIGN

508. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

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

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir.**
- (b) There is no such observatory which has been planned or set up. However, National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Chennai, Ministry of Earth Sciences is identified as a nodal point.**
- (c) Few steps have been initiated:-**
 - (i) Cleaning of beaches.**
 - (ii) Installing booms or separators in the canals, rivers and creeks carrying sewage and litters.**
 - (iii) By creating awareness among the people through print and digital media.**
 - (iv) Generating awareness among public government offices, schools and colleges.**
 - (v) Research and development activities on the impact of marine litter on the various marine organisms, human health and environment as a whole.**
