

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2501  
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SEPARATE COMMISSION FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT  
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

**Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a Separate Commission for Ocean Development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms of reference of the Commission;
- (c) the fresh steps taken or proposed to be taken for more efficient harnessing of the mineral and organic resources of the three seas surrounding the country; and
- (d) the time by which the proposed Commission is likely to be set up ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): The Government has taken a decision to examine the desirability of setting up an Ocean Resources Commission with representatives of all concerned Ministries, Departments and other agencies for promoting optimum exploration, development and exploitation of offshore resources and conservation of marine wealth.