

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE OF SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that consequent to the devastating earthquake the Government of Gujarat is keen to establish an Institute of Seismological Research in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the provision of funds for the project has been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Gujarat State Government has informed that the State is taking necessary steps to establish the Institute through its internal resources and external assistance. A Director General to head the Institute has already been appointed. Out of the World Bank loan received by state government under Gujarat Emergency Earthquake Reconstruction Project, an amount of Rs. 30.00 crores has been allocated for the institute. During the last three years the Department of Science & Technology has supported several research projects in Gujarat area for better earthquake hazard assessment.