

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to acquire state-of-art research vessel for ocean research;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost, the amount sanctioned for the same and its main functions thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be acquired?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE

(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to acquire the state-of-art research vessel for ocean research by September, 2007. The revised estimated cost of the acquisition of vessel is Rs. 230.72 crores. The vessel will be utilized for various technology demonstrations programmes like deep sea mining, demonstration of remotely operated vehicle, autonomous underwater vehicle and oceanographic surveys.