

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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PROGRESS IN EARTH SCIENCES
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the field of earth sciences during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government is satisfied with the achievements;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Earth Sciences is a new Ministry established by Govt. of India recently in July 2006. With the formation of new Ministry, Indian Meteorological Department, National Centre for Medium Range and Weather Forecasting, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, and Earth Risk Evaluation Centre (EREC) were merged with the then Ministry of Ocean Development with a view to deal with Atmospheric Sciences, Ocean Science & Technology and Seismology in an integrated manner. Presently, the exercise of restructuring the Ministry is underway.