

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

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INSTITUTIONS ON OCEANOGRAPHY  
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**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of institutions/colleges on oceanography functioning in the country, State-wise ;
- (b) the length of coastal line of West Bengal;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to establish such an institute in West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore ?

**Answer**

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

(a) At present there are several institutions/colleges where oceanographic research is supported that are functioning in the country. A detailed though not exhaustive list of such institutions that are working in the different States is as furnished below:

INSTITUTE/UNIVERSITY/ORGANISATION

STATE

Centre for Ocean and Marine Biology, Pondicherry- Andaman & Nicobar  
University, Port Blair National Institute of Ocean  
Technology, Port Blair

Andhra University, Visakhapatnam Arunachal Pradesh  
National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad  
Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services,  
Hyderabad National Institute of Oceanography,  
Visakhapatnam Geological Survey of India, Visakhapatnam

Andhra Pradesh  
Assam  
Bihar  
Panjab University, Chandigarh  
Chandigarh  
Chhattisgarh  
Dadra & Nagar Haveli  
Daman & Diu

Delhi University, New Delhi Delhi  
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
India Meteorological Department, Delhi#  
Earthquake Risk and Evaluation Centre, Delhi#

National Institute of Oceanography, Goa - Goa  
Goa University, Goa  
National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa#

S.Gujarat University, Surat Gujarat  
Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara  
Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology, Bhuj  
Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute,  
Bhavnagar Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar

Haryana  
Himachal Pradesh  
Jammu & Kashmir  
Jharkhand

Karnataka University, Dharwad - Karnataka  
Mangalore University, Mangalore  
Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Mangalore  
Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences  
University, Mangalore S.D.M. College of Engg &  
Technology, Dharwad Geological Survey of India,  
Mangalore

(b) West Bengal has a coastline that is 157.5 line kilometres long.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Support is already being extended for oceanographic research to institutions such as Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vidyapeeth, Mohanpur, Kolkata; Bose Institute, University of Calcutta, Kolkata; Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur; Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur; University of Calcutta, Kolkata and the Sea Explorers Institute, Kolkata. A dedicated Ocean and Atmospheric Science & Technology Cell has been functioning at Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur since 1997.

The ministry proposes to establish an extension centre of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai at Kolkata in XI Five Year Plan.