

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NETWORK FOR NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a pilot project with Japan to evolve a network for natural disaster mitigation and recovery;
- (b) if so, whether the project is funded by the Japan Science & Technology Agency and the project would involve IITs, National Geographical Research Institute; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the financial implication alongwith the time frame for fulfillment of this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad, alongwith five other academic institutions and research laboratories (IIT) Kanpur, IIT Chennai, India Metrological Department Hyderabad, National Geophysical Research Institute and International Institute of Information Technology (IIT) Hyderabad) have taken up a Research & Development Project on `Information Network for Natural Disaster Mitigation and Recovery` in collaboration with Japanese Universities. The project is fully funded by the Japanese Science and Technology Agency. The duration of the project is five years with an outlay of Rs.5 crore. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will be the coordinating Agency from the Japanese side and IIT Hyderabad will be the coordinating institution from the Indian side.