

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4372
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DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE BHOPAL
Mahato Shri Narahari

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a proposal to develop the Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal, as a Centre of Excellence for the prevention of industrial disasters and safe disposal of hazardous chemical residues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the estimated expenditure for the said project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Earlier, a proposal from Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal was received during July, 2004 to strengthen this Institute as a Centre of Excellence for mitigation and management of Earthquake and Industrial Disasters. However, the Central Government during November, 2004 intimated the State Government regarding consideration of the proposal for development of this Institute as a Regional Centre of Excellence for Earthquake Risk Mitigation and Management.

Recently, the Governing Body of the National Institute of Disaster Management has approved the proposal for setting up a Centre of Excellence on Industrial and Chemical Disasters in Disaster Management Institute (DMI), Bhopal. Detailed proposal in this regard has not yet been received by the Central Government