

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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EXTRACTION OF METAL
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any new scheme to extract valuable metals from the seabed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantity and value of metals extracted from seabed during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a & b) The Government is pursuing research and development efforts towards assessment of mineral resource potential of polymetallic nodules, cobalt crust and hydrothermal sulphides in Indian Ocean. Presently, there is no plan to launch any new scheme to extract valuable metals from seabed.

(c) Does not arise.