

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

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FISSURES IN THE EARTH CRUST  
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**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether almost sixty houses have collapsed and people rendered homeless due to cracks occurred in earth in Badkiaant village of Ben block in district Nalanda of Bihar;
- (b) if so, whether any investigation has been made in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Geographical Survey of India has visited/likely to visit the said area for investigation; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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) There were no field evidences confirming collapsing of sixty houses and people rendered homeless due to ground cracks, except development of cracks in many houses as seen in Badki Aant Village of ben block, Nalanda, district, Bihar.
- (b) & (c) Yes, a team of Geoscientists from eastern region, Geological Survey of India (GSI) accompanied by local authorities carried out ground investigations in the reported area as a follow-up of communication issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The team inspected the Cracks in the Earth's Crust as well as in many Houses. However, no case of total collapse of any houses was brought to their notice. The main area of investigation was around Bari.
- (d) A team of scientist from GSI have already visited and carried out studies in the area during the months of September 2010 and the report has already been communicated to the district authorities.
- (e) Does not arise.