

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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HUMAN RESOURCE FUND
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether setting up of human resource fund is being considered by the Government for Earth Sciences;
- (b) if so, the time by which funds is expected to be set up; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government so far to run the coordinated research and development work for the deep knowledge about earth and ocean?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS,
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) - (b) No Madam.

(c) Government has so far taken following steps to operate the coordinated research and development work for the deep knowledge about earth and ocean:

i) Establishment of Ocean and Atmospheric Science & Technology Centre's (OASTCs) at 9 Universities/Institutes of National Importance to create adequate technical capabilities in various disciplines of ocean and atmospheric science & technology for the benefit of the society for enhanced awareness about the phenomenon and processes of earth systems.

ii) Launched nationally coordinated R & D programmes on Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Geosciences and Seismicity and National Program on Earthquake Precursors to provide extra-mural funding to institutes to carry out coordinated research.