

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2466  
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EARTHQUAKE IN BENGAL  
Baske Shri Pulin Bihar

**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent earthquake which occurred in Duars of North-Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any information centres had been set up to warn the people before the earthquake occurred; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

a) Yes Madam.

b) An earthquake of moderate intensity (Magnitude: 3.8) occurred on 11th November, 2011 at 15:27h (IST) near Jalpaiguri, West Bengal with its epicentre located at Latitude 26.7°N and Longitude 89.4°E.

c) No Madam.

d) At present, there is no scientific technique available anywhere in the world to forewarn the occurrence of earthquakes in advance. As the existing mechanism, subsequent to the occurrence of the earthquake, all concerned central and state government authorities are informed about the location, intensity and areal extent of the earthquake for organizing effective emergency response actions.