

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes or projects of Earth Sciences implemented or under implementation by the Government during last three years in Gujarat State; and

(b) the fund allocated in this regard?

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 (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) The Government has taken following initiatives in Gujarat in the last three years

i) established an Earth Science and Technology Centre (ESTC) in the Bhavnagar University to expand focused R & D activities/projects

ii) special fellowships for Varahamihira Chair Professor and Young Fellow at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar

iii) project to study climate change impacts on human, natural and spatial environment granted to Centre for Environment and Planning Technology (CEPT) University, Ahmedabad

iv) project on Biofuel granted to Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI), Bhavnagar (cost sharing by the Ministry of Earth Sciences and Council for Scientific & Industrial Research)

v) projects to Sardar Patel University and Gujarat University in focused areas of earth sciences

(b) No specific funds are allocated for this purpose. However, necessary funds will be allocated as per the peer-review and expert committee recommendations for each of the projects and released periodically based on periodic reviews by duly constituted expert committees.