

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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RESTRUCTURING OF GSI
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to restructure Geological Survey of India (GSI) and has sought an amount of Rs.4,000 crores for the purpose; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) and (b): The Government constituted a High Powered Committee [HPC] vide Ministry of Mines Resolution No. 11(39)/2007-M.I dated 7th January, 2008 to review the functioning of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), and to assess its capacity to meet the emerging challenges taking into account the organization's technological and manpower resources.

In pursuance of the HPC recommendations Cabinet Note on 'Restructuring of Geological Survey of India' with objective for the 'right sizing' of the strength of GSI from 11420 to 12369, the filling up of posts over a 10 year period to achieve full recommended strength, constitution of Group 'A' Geophysics, Chemistry and Engineering S&T Streams as Organised Service and exemption of S&T post from the purview of Department of Expenditure instruction on posts that remain unfilled for more than one year have been approved by the Cabinet on 25th October 2011. It is estimated that Rs.85 crores per annum shall be incurred on account of additional manpower envisaged in the proposal.