

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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KOYNA DEEP BOREHOLE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the current progress of Koyna Deep Borehole Programme;
- (b) whether the project to build a Seismological Research Laboratory at Karad, Maharashtra to supplement the Koyna programme has been accepted; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Preparatory studies have been initiated to carry out scientific investigations and select the suitable site for deep borehole drilling in the Koyna-Warna region. The investigations include, Seismological, Geophysical (seismic, gravity, magnetic), LIDAR, geomorphology and structural geological studies, apart from a few shallow (1 km) exploratory boreholes.

(b)-(c) As a part of the Koyna Deep Borehole Programme it is envisaged to set up a Research Laboratory at Karad. The Maharashtra Government has provided 125 acres of land in Hazarmachi area of Karad Taluka and Foundation Stone has already been laid by Honble Minister of Earth Science on 24th May 2012 in presence of Honble Chief Minister, Maharashtra and Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences.