

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UTILISATION OF OCEAN RELATED ASSETS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ocean science related assets spread over three sides of the country have not been fully utilised due to lack of ocean science experts in subordinate institutions under the Ministry of Shipping;
- (b) the reaction of the Government thereto: and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the maximum utilisation of such ocean related assets and to explore the untapped resources?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Shipping and /or its subordinate institutions do not deal with utilization of ocean science related assets. However, as informed by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, they have specific programmes for exploration of various ocean resources viz. polymetallic nodules, gas hydrates, hydro-thermal sulphides and various scientific activities are carried out in this regard. Regarding fisheries, potential fishing zone advisories are generated based on the satellite data and provided to fishermen community thrice a week for facilitating exact location of fishery zone, thus, saving upon time and fuel cost