

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the Geological Survey of India (GSI) to explore/exploit the mineral wealth of the country optimally; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): The Government of India vide Resolution No.11(39)/2007-M.I dated 7th January, 2008 constituted a High Powered Committee to thoroughly review the functioning of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and assess its capacity to meet the emerging challenges taking into account the organisation's technological and manpower resources. The Report of the High Powered Committee submitted on 31.3.2009 is available on the website of the Ministry of Mines www.mines.nic.in. The Government has on 1.5.2009 accorded in principle acceptance of the recommendations of the High Powered Committee and has constituted a Committee, which is monitoring the process of implementation of the recommendations.