

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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EARTHQUAKE WARNING BY SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the scientists analysing the aftermath of December 26 earthquake under the Indian Ocean have warned that another devastating quake is likely to strike the region as reported in 'The Hindu' dated 18th March, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have received any report regarding this;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. In an article in The Hindu dated 18th March, 2005, some scientists have warned of further devastating earthquakes in the region following the earthquake of 26th December, 2004.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The Indian Meteorological Department is continuously monitoring these activities through its national network. So far the Indian Meteorological Department have recorded 306 tremors of magnitude 5.0 and above.