

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

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to merge Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI) with Central Mining Research Institute (CMRI);
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): Yes sir, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research(CSIR) is considering the consolidation of the core competencies of CMRI and CFRI Dhanbad based on the findings of a Committee of experts. The recommendations of the Committee have now been approved by the Governing Body of CSIR for implementation.