

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1697
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GSI PROPOSAL FOR R & D .
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Geological Survey of India proposes to set up an autonomous body for research and development, training and consultancies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to finalise the said proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) to (c) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Mines for setting up an autonomous body, with the aim of providing assistance and knowhow, and promoting application of knowledge for effective management of the earth system and its natural resources. The proposal is at a very preliminary stage and no time frame in this regard can be fixed.