

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

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EARTHQUAKE STUDY INSTITUTES  
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**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Earthquake study institute as reported in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated October 9, 2006.
- (b) if so, the time by which the said institute is likely to start functioning;
- (c) the total amount proposed to be spent on setting up of the said institute;
- (d) whether such an institute will be able to provide prior information about earthquake to all the States of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e) India-Iceland Cooperation in the area of Earthquake Precursor Studies including possibility of establishing an International center on this subject figured in the discussions held during the visit of Hon`ble Shri kapil Sibal, Minister (S&T and ES) to Iceland from 19th-20th October, 2005. The proposed joint work between Indian and Icelandic experts includes three components

- 1) development of a high level observational system/technology;
- 2) evaluation of observed multidisciplinary earthquake precursors or anomalies ahead of earthquakes in India; and
- 3) building of an early information and warning system for geo-hazards in India.