

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to build earthquake resistant buildings after consulting various agencies in order to mitigate losses due to earthquakes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard and the time by which it is likely to be finalized?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(c): Bureau of Indian Standards has been developing standards for Earthquake Resistant buildings and various structures applicable to various seismic zones in the country. New Standards on the design and construction of all types of masonry and wooden buildings were published in 1993 and Mother Code on Earthquake Resistant Design and Construction of all type of building structures were published in 2002. As an on-going activity, these standards are reviewed periodically and updated, where found necessary.