

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

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HUMAN RESOURCE FUND  
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**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether setting up of human resource fund is being considered for Earth Sciences ;
- (b) if so, the time by which fund is expected to be set up; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government so far to run the coordinated research and development work for the deep knowledge about earth and ocean?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Earth Sciences has taken steps to enlarge the base of Human Resources in the area of Earth Sciences by forging symbiotic linkages with academic and research institutions. It is supporting these institutions through the overall budget support of the Ministry. Thus presently no separate fund is contemplated for it.