

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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RIFTS IN BUNDELKHAND REGION
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that long rifts have developed in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and some areas in Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof;
- (c) whether any team of scientists has been constituted to study this phenomenon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) - (b) Yes Sir. Ground fissures have developed in some of the areas in Bundelkhand particularly in Hamirpur District of Uttar Pradesh and also in Badrinath area of Uttarakhand state. In Hamirpur district of Bundelkhand area, the fissures are reported to have developed in Maudha Tehsil where it is around 800m in length and 60cm wide. In Uttarakhand State, cracks have been reported from Neelkanth Parvat in Badrinath area.

(c) - (d) A 3-Member team of scientists from GSI (Northern Region) Office, Lucknow have been constituted to study the reported cracks in Bundelkhand area of Uttar Pradesh and the team has already left on 05.09.2007 to study the affected area.