

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DISASTER WARNING CENTRES IN COASTAL AREAS

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**Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to locate more `disaster warning centres` in the country in view of the fast changes in Geclimate conditions throughout the globe, more so in coastal parts of our country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether there is any possibility to get external assistance technically and materially; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) The Department of Ocean Development is setting up, without any external assistance, an Early Warning System for Tsunami and Storm Surges in the Indian Ocean Region which is scheduled to be operational by September, 2007. A centre would be set up at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information services(INCOIS), Hyderabad on a 24x7 basis. The system will cater to complete Indian Ocean region and there is no need for more stations. The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a Cyclone Monitoring and Mitigation Group to specifically look at the (i) mechanism for tracking and monitoring the cyclonic systems, (ii) warning protocols for cyclones, (iii) coordination mechanism between different Central and State Ministries/Department/Organizations, (iv) suitable mechanism for providing warning in respect of local eye lonic/weather systems,(v) mechanism for timely dissemination of warnings to the local people and (vi) cyclone mitigation measures required for the coastal states. The Ministry of Home Affairs is also (in the process of) formulating /finalizing some initiatives/projects to specifically address the coastal hazards and vulnerabilities especially in the light of experiences of disaster events in the past few years.