

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GUWAHATI IN DANGER ZONE OF EARTHQUAKE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Guwahati has been identified by Union Government as one of the Most Earthquake Prone Area in the North-East and has been selected for launching an Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project;
- (b) if so, the details of the project and the estimated cost thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to implement the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a): As per the seismic zoning map of the India, published by Bureau of Indian Standards, the country has been divided into four seismic zones i.e. Zone-II to V. While zone-V is considered to be the most vulnerable to earthquakes, zone-II is the least. Guwahati falls in zone-V. The Department of Science & Technology is not aware of any programme by the name "Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project".

(b) & (c): Do not arise.