

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Institutes of Oceanography

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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of regional centres set up by the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more institutes of ocean science in various States in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) The details of regional centres set up by the CSIR- National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), Goa in the country, State wise are as follows:

1. Andhra Pradesh

Regional Centre of CSIR-NIO, 176, Lawsons Bay Colony, Visakhapatnam - 530017

2. Kerala

Regional Centre of CSIR-NIO, High Court Junction, Abraham Madamakkal Road, Ernakulam – 682018

3. Maharashtra

Regional Centre of CSIR-NIO, Lokhandwala Road, 4 Bungalows, Andheri West, Mumbai – 400053.

(b)&(c) Yes, Madam. Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India and France"s Universite Pierre Et Marie Curie (UPMC) and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 10th April 2015 to collaborate to set up a frontier institute of marine biology in a period of five years (2016-2021). The Marine Biology Institute is expected to be established in the form of multidisciplinary marine biology and biotechnology research institute. The institute will have its centres in coastal states in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The institute will start functioning in Goa at one of the premier Institute like CSIR- NIO/at rented building from 2017. DBT has no further plan to set up any more institutes of Ocean science.