

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION No.\*65  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

**LABORATORIES FOR STUDY OF EARTHQUAKES**

**\*65. SHRI RADHEYSHYAM BISWAS:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a policy for setting up of laboratories for studying earthquakes across the country; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such laboratories are expected to become operational?**

**ANSWER  
MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(Dr. HARSH VARDHAN)**

**(a) to (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*65 REGARDING 'Laboratories for Study of Earthquakes' FOR ANSWER ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018.**

**(a) and (b) The Ministry of Earth Sciences has the mandate of monitoring earthquakes in the country through its policy of establishing Seismological observatories spread over the country. National Centre for Seismology (NCS), Ministry of Earth Sciences maintains a national seismological network consisting of 102 seismological observatories which are operational and are being used for monitoring seismic/earth quake activity in the country and its neighbourhood. In addition, 14 more observatories will be made operational by the end of 2018. The ground motion data generated by the network is also used for studying earthquakes by different scientists.**

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