

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1007
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, MARCH 05, 2018**

INVESTMENT IN DEEP SEA MISSION

1007. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to invest ₹ 10,000 crores in Deep Sea Missions, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) how Government proposes to utilize the 2.4 million sq. km. of Exclusive Economic Zone; and**
- (c) whether the expertise of foreign companies will be invited for collaboration with Indian companies for the Deep Sea Mission?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI. Y. S. CHOWDARY)**

- (a) Yes, Sir, Government proposes to launch a Deep Ocean Mission. Development of technologies for exploration and harnessing of living and non-living resources, survey and exploration of deep sea and development of marine bio-technology are the broad objectives of this mission. The cost of the Mission has not been worked out.**
- (b) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) and Ministry of Mines (MoM) allocate blocks in the Exclusive Economic Zone of India for exploration of hydrocarbons and minerals.**
- (c) The Deep Ocean Mission envisages active involvement and collaboration of national and international institutes/organisations. At this stage, Ministry does not have any proposal for collaboration of Indian companies with foreign companies for the Deep Sea Mission.**
