

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4432  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30/03/2022  
Research on Marine Biotechnology**

4432. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to conduct scientific research on marine biotechnology at the Institute of Life Science (ILS), Bhubaneswar and if so the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need to enhance focus on scientific research on biotechnology in that Institute; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to set up such research wing at ILS, Bhubaneswar?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेन्द्र सिंह)

(a) Yes. The Scientific Advisory Committee, the Governing Body and the General Body of ILS Society has recommended that a specific program on Marine Biotechnology be implemented by ILS focusing on Drug Discovery, Genomics, Ecological Restoration and Promotion of Livelihoods of resource for the poor coastal communities.

(b) Yes.

(c) A research proposal entitled "Establishment of a Centre for excellence on Marine Biotechnology- A Research and Development initiative for Improving Food, Nutrition, livelihood and health security of the vulnerable communities of the selected locations in the eastern coast of India" has been submitted to Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India. The proposal received from the Institute of Life Sciences is under active consideration of the Department of Biotechnology.

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