

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. **4310**
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st April, 2010

STUDY ON RESOURCES IN INDIAN OCEAN

4310. SHRI JAYARAM PANGI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to exploit the vast resources found beneath the Indian Ocean;
- (b) if so, the details of action plan prepared in this regard; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES,
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF
STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a-c) The Ministry of Earth Sciences is pursuing research and developmental efforts towards assessment of mineral resource potential of polymetallic nodules, cobalt crusts and hydrothermal sulphides in Indian Ocean. Presently, there is no plan for exploitation of these resources and no funds have been allocated for the purpose.
