

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2494
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10/03/2011**

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL DATA AUTHORITY

2494. SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to establish a National Geospatial Data Authority;
- (b) if so, the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to bring in a legislation in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

(ASHWANI KUMAR)

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री; संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(अश्वनी कुमार)

- (a) Yes Madam. Government is contemplating setting up of a National Geospatial Data (NGDA) Authority.
- (b) The main objectives of the Authority shall be to determine the requirements of national geospatial data of the country, promote the acquisition and adoption of latest data, technologies, equipments, services and best practices from sources anywhere in the world, to maximise synergy amongst producers of national geospatial data, determine the manner in which national spatial data generated by the producers is fed into the national spatial data infrastructure, promote the access of national geospatial data to all consumers, facilitate competition and promote efficiency in the area of value addition to geospatial data, recommend criteria and procedures for determination of proscribed additions and protect interests of national security. In order to facilitate competition and promote efficiency, the Authority shall be empowered to settle disputes among the geospatial industry players. The Authority shall also have power to call for information, conduct investigations and issue directions.
- (c) Yes Madam.
- (d) After Inter-Ministerial consultations, the Draft Bill will be considered by the Government for introduction in the Parliament.
