

and analysis of earthquake data. Teachers, in turn, disseminated the information to students in the above schools.

Earthquake studies in Northeast India

CSIR-NGRI has prepared maps for certain seismic areas of the Assam region of Northeast India around Kopili lineament. An outreach programme to bring awareness to the masses has been in Assam. Educational material comprising books, charts and a 20 minute documentary on Earth, Earthquakes and Essentials of Safety was distributed to various schools of Assam.

Groundwater Information system

CSIR-NGRI developed a Groundwater Information system for providing groundwater data regarding water levels, water quality and aquifer mapping in Hussainsagar catchment, Greater Hyderabad. This provides handy information on groundwater levels, quality, and aquifer geometry. Fresh water aquifers were delineated in groundwater contaminated areas around tannery cluster in Ambur and Ranipet towns. Deep groundwater exploration was conducted in Deccan Basalts which resulted in finding new bore wells. These bore wells are providing copious supply of water for agricultural purposes.

Pending departmental proceedings

2621. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Directors of scientific institutes under Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology and Department of Scientific and Industrial Research against whom departmental proceedings/judicial proceedings/criminal proceedings are pending along the nature of proceedings;

(b) the details of action taken/being taken in each case by the concerned Departments;

(c) since when these cases are pending, case-wise; and

(d) whether Government proposes to dispose of/settle these proceedings in a time-bound manner and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.