

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SPACE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
SHORTAGE OF SCIENTISTS .

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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether on the matter of shortage of human resources the Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) had pointed out the problem of shortage of eligible scientists;
- (b) whether this shortage is affecting the Chandrayaan project, Communication satellite project and other security projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of steps being taken by Government to meet the shortage;
- (e) whether ISRO has any plan to set up new institution for expansion of their work; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS , MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)No, Sir.

(c)Does not arise. ..

d)The Government have implemented the VIth Central Pay Commission recommendations and introduced Performance Related Incentive Scheme(PRIS) in ISRO/DOS. This has encouraged bright students to opt for careers in ISRO and therefore the attrition rate in ISRO has drastically reduced.

(e)The Government have set up an institution called Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology (IIST) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala in the year 2007 under the Department of Space. The Institute offers undergraduate programmes / professional courses relevant to Indian Space Research Organisation / Department of Space (ISRO/DOS) with a possibility of providing direct employment opportunities to the graduating students within ISRO/DOS. Apart from this, there is no plan for setting up of any new institution.

(f)Does not arise.