

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1725

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

SETTING UP OF LAUNCH SITE IN TAMIL NADU

1725. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up a launch site in Kulasekharapattinam in Tuticorin district of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)

No Sir. As of now, the Government has no proposal to set up a new launch site.

- (c) An expert committee was constituted to assess the need for a new launch site considering the capabilities of existing launch pads at Sriharikota, launch vehicles currently operational, launch vehicles under development and the future launch requirements for the next decade. The committee concluded that there is no immediate requirement to establish new launching site in the country. Based on the programmatic requirements it could be considered at an appropriate time.
