

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3169

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

POSTPONEMENT OF CHANDRAYAAN-2

3169. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2 scheduled for March is postponed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the total cost of the mission and in what way, it would be different from other missions launched by various other countries, and
- (d) whether ISRO has got the logistics, technologies etc. to take human beings to space and if so, when it would take human beings to space?

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) India's second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2 is scheduled for April 2018.
- (b) The Chandrayaan-2 mission is an indigenous effort with Orbiter, Lander and Rover configuration. Lander and Rover are being attempted for the first time. Required tests, simulations and validation exercises are undertaken for several new technologies that are being developed.
- (c) The total cost of Chandrayaan-2 mission is Rs. 800 Cr. When compared to the landing missions by other countries, Chandrayaan-2 attempts to soft land in the high latitude region of the Moon.
- (d) ISRO has got Government approval only for development of critical technologies required for Human Spaceflight. After obtaining Government approval for Human Spaceflight Mission, ISRO will take up the project in phased manner.
