

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 447**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

TRAINING OF SPACE SCIENTISTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

447. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has decided to train space scientists of foreign countries that lack satellite building capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that India would not charge for this capacity building programme but play a role in shortlisting scientists for the training programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) of Department of Space (DOS), Government of India is offering capacity building programme on nanosatellite development for the participants from other countries, who are interested in developing their space programme. The 8-week programme, named as "UNNATI (UNIspace Nanosatellite Assembly & Training by ISRO), will be held at Bengaluru every year for next 3 years.
- (c)&(d) India would not charge for this capacity building programme for the selected candidates. The expenses towards air travel, accommodation and food for the selected candidates during the course duration will be borne by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) of Department of Space (DOS). A selection committee with members from ISRO and MEA will be selecting the candidates for this training course from applications received.
