

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 613

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022

SCHEME FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS IN SPACE SECTOR

613. SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to open the space centres of ISRO to the private sector, keeping in view the young entrepreneurs and students interests in the field of space science, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the kind of facilities proposed to be provided to the youth under this scheme; and
- (c) the details of other steps Government is taking or propose to take in order to promote space tourism and to implement space diplomacy in the country?

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)

Yes, Sir. The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre [IN-SPACe] has been created as a single window agency, under Department of Space, to promote, handhold and authorize the activities of private sector in space domain, including those by young entrepreneurs and students interested in the field of Space Science. IN-SPACe

shall come up with mechanisms to enable sharing of technical facilities and expertise available across ISRO Centres with private entities.

- (c) ISRO is in the process of developing indigenous capabilities towards space tourism through the demonstration of human space flight capability to Low Earth Orbit (LEO). Besides, IN-SPACe also seeks to promote active participation of private sector in carrying out end-to-end space activities, which includes space tourism as well. With regards to space diplomacy, ISRO pursues international cooperation and relations with 61 countries in varied domains of space activities.
