

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1733

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 03, 2023

SPACETECH STARTUPS

1733. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether spacetechn startups are looking at ISRO for their operations and ventures;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many experienced young and retired are being lured by private spacetechn startups and resulting in leaving some of the young and retired talent from ISRO; and
- (d) the impact of such brain drain on ISRO and in what manner the Ministry proposes to cope with the situation?

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. Several Spacetechn Start-ups have been receiving infrastructural and institutional support, including technical mentorship from ISRO. Such support is being enabled through IN-SPACe, which has been created as a single-window agency for promotion and handholding of Non-Government Entities in the space sector. Presently, ISRO is supporting a total of 99 startups in various domains of space science, technology and applications.

- (c) ISRO, being a prime R&D organization of the country involved in space programs realization, has been capable of attracting and retaining talent. However, there are certain attrition in various levels and is very less comparable to Industry standards
- (d) Does not arise.
