

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2854

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

**SPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA**

2854. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to establish space research centres or satellite data centres in Odisha to use space technology for local development;
- (b) whether Government promotes space education and awareness in Odisha to build local talent in space science and technology; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase collaboration between space agencies and local universities or institutes in Odisha for space research initiatives?

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

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- (a) Department of Space has established Balasore Rocket Launching Station (BRLS) during 1979 in Chandipur, Balasore, Odisha and sounding rockets were launched from the launch site. ISRO is also establishing an Atmosphere and Space Research Facility (ASRF) at Chandipur, Balasore in association with Ministry of Earth Science (MoES) and Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) as a super site for atmospheric and space research and project establishment is under progress.
- (b) Department of Space established Space Technology Incubation Centre (STIC) in NIT, Rourkela, Odisha to promote space education & awareness, develop innovative technologies in space domain through local talents and also develop the space start-up entrepreneurs.
- (c) Space Technology Incubation Centre (STIC) is established in collaboration with NIT, Rourkela, Odisha and Veer Surendra Sai Space Innovation Centre is established in collaboration with Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Sambalpur, Odisha.

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