

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3165

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

ARTEMIS PROGRAMME

3165. DR. PARMAR JASHVANTHSINH SALAMSINH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has any plans to take part in Artemis programme;
- (b) whether Indian astronauts are flying in National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) rockets; and
- (c) if so, the details of the same?

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) The Artemis Accords are a practical set of principles, guidelines and best practices to enhance the governance of the civil exploration and use of outer space with the intention of advancing the Artemis programme. India has signed the Artemis Accord on June 21, 2023, becoming the 27th signatory. However, India is not a participant in the NASA led Artemis Programme, which is a mission-driven initiative led by NASA to return humans to the Moon and beyond. India has outlined its own ambitious vision for space exploration under its Space Vision 2047. This includes mission such as Chandrayaan series for lunar exploration and Gaganyaan continuation programme leading to Bhartiya Antariksh Station, reflecting India's vision to advancements in space exploration. However, ISRO will explore the possibilities of participating in the Artemis programme in future.
- (b) It is planned to launch one Indian astronaut aboard Crew Dragon of SpaceX for the upcoming ISRO-NASA joint mission to the International Space Station (ISS), under the Spaceflight Agreement with M/s. Axiom Space INC, USA.
- (c) The launch is expected during second quarter (Q2) of 2025.
