

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1280**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016**

**INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

**1280. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:**

**SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

**Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India is yet to become a member of the international space station and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is developing a technology that will allow it to transfer humans from one vehicle or spacecraft to another in space and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the aims and objectives behind the move; and**
- (d) the time by which this technology will be developed?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

- (a) Yes Madam. India is yet to become a member. The studies on the possibilities of conducting Earth Observation experiments, utilizing International Space Station (ISS) as platform, for Earth's environment and climate are underway.**
- (b) No Madam.**
- (c) Does not arise.**
- (d) Does not arise.**

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