

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2256**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017  
STRENGTH OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS IN ISRO**

**2256. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:**

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

- (a) the existing number of scientists and engineers in position in the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and whether there is any shortage of engineers/scientists in ISRO and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of scientists and engineers in ISRO?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

- (a) At present, a total of 7062 Scientists/ Engineers are in position in ISRO. The demand for space based services in the country is increasing resulting in increased launch frequency and applications of space technology in emerging areas. To meet the work load arising due to these demands, a proposal for suitably augmenting the manpower, mostly in scientist/engineer category, has been prepared.**

**(b) The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Space Commission and the same is submitted to the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, for their recommendations, before placing the same for the approval of the Union Cabinet.**

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