

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3128**

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

MILITARIZATION OF SPACE

3128. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increased threat perception from weaponisation or militarization of outer space around the world and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is particularly of great concern with the development of anti satellite technologies that are being developed by a neighbouring nation of India and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether India has a space command to co-ordinate between different actors in dealing with any contingencies;**
- (d) if so, whether it is sufficiently funded and staffed and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether India has a dedicated space programme and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) There is a general threat perception from weaponisation or militarization of outer space for the whole world. It could have an impact on the security of space infrastructure.**
- (b) Development of Anti-satellite technology could pose two dimensional impact, first, the possibility of impacting satellites and second, creation of debris, which is a perennial problem to all operational space systems.**
- (c) Currently India does not have a Space Command.**
- (d) Does not arise.**
- (e) India has a dedicated space programme which addresses various developmental requirements of the country through Satcom, SatNav and Earth Observation related assets.**
