

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.783**

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2018

VILLAGE RESOURCE PROGRAMME

783. SHRIMATI MEENAKSHI LEKHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Village Resource Programmes that have been launched by ISRO in collaboration with local NGOs; and**
- (b) the details of funds that have been allocated for such programmes?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

- (a) To demonstrate the potential of satellite technology for development of rural areas, ISRO established Village Resource Centres (VRCs) on a pilot scale, in association with selected NGOs, Trusts and State Government Departments.**

VRCs have provided various space technology enabled services such as tele-healthcare, tele-education, natural resources information, advisories related to agriculture, career guidance to rural students, skill development and vocational training etc.

- (b) About ₹18 Crores was spent for establishing 473 VRCs.**
