

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3544**

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 08, 2018

TRAINING TO SPACE SCIENTISTS

3544. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has decided to train space scientists of countries that lack satellite building capacity;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether India would not charge for this capacity building programme but will play a role in short listing scientists for the training programme; and**
- (d) 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) Yes Madam.**
- (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) of Department of Space (DOS), Government of India has offered to conduct capacity building programme on small satellite development for the participants from developing countries who are interested in developing their space programme. An announcement in this**

regard was made at Vienna on June 18, 2018 during the Symposium to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the First United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE+50). The programme, named as 'India-UN Small Satellites Programme (INDOUNSSP)', will be conducted at ISRO's U.R. Rao Satellite Centre (URSC) at Bengaluru every year for next 3 years, starting from November 2018. This 8-week programme will comprise of theoretical coursework and hands-on-training on Assembly, Integration and Testing (AIT) of small satellite.

(c) Yes Madam.

(d) ISRO will bear travel, accommodation and living expenses for the selected candidates to attend the course as per the prevailing norms. The candidates will be shortlisted by a screening committee involving officials from ISRO and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
