GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.611

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2019

TRAINING OF ASTRONAUTS

611. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up an intensive training center to train the astronauts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch a manned space mission; 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) & (b)

No, Madam. Department of Space/ISRO does not possess training center at the moment. Presently, it is taking help of Indian Air Force (IAF) for astronaut training.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The Gaganyaan programme proposes to launch a maximum of three Indian astronauts from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota into an approximately 400 Km Low Earth Orbit. The maximum mission planned is of 7 days duration.

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