

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2899
ANSWERED ON- 17/03/2023

SPECTROGRAPHIC INVESTIGATION OF NEBULAR GAS PROJECT

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Spectrographic Investigation of Nebular Gas (SING) project, which is the first space collaboration between India and China, has been put on hold which has worried astrophysicists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the export clearance for the project; and
- (d) whether the project will be implemented as per the schedule and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to d) “The Spectrographic Investigation of Nebular Gas (SING) Project” is not a direct collaboration between India and China.

The SING Project proposal was submitted by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). UNOOSA had called for proposals under the “Space for All” program for the United Nations / China Cooperation on the Utilization of the China Space programme in 2018.

An application for export authorization in this case has not been received as of date.
