

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 199

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2023

SETTING UP OF SPACE CENTRE

***199. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the total number of space centres set up across the country;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up an ISRO space centre in West Bengal especially in the Rarh Bengal region under the private sector keeping in mind the interests of young entrepreneurs and students in the field of space science; and**
- (c) if so, the details of the facilities likely to be provided to the youths under the said scheme?**

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO
STARRED QUESTION NO. 199 REGARDING “SETTING UP OF SPACE
CENTRE” ASKED BY SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN FOR ANSWERING ON
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(a) Department of Space has 31 space centres across the country, comprising of Centres/Units of Indian Space Research Organisation, Autonomous Bodies and Public Sector Enterprises.

(b) & (c)

Regional Remote Sensing Centre (RRSC) [East] is operational in Kolkata, West Bengal in order to meet the various Remote Sensing Tasks specific to the eastern region.

Keeping in mind, the interests of young entrepreneurs and students in the field of space science, ISRO has set up the Regional Academic Centres for Space (RAC-S) at 6 locations across the country.

RAC-S for the eastern zone has been set up at NIT-Patna, which also caters to the requirements of West Bengal region as well.

RAC-S enables advanced research in the areas of relevance to the future technological and programmatic needs of the Indian Space Programme and acts as a facilitator for the promotion of space technology activities in the region.

Also, under the Sponsored Research (RESPOND) programme of ISRO, projects are taken up by Universities/academic institutions across the country, including West Bengal region, in the areas of relevance to space programme.
