

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 137
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th November, 2019
DEFENCE SPACE RESEARCH AGENCY

*137. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up Defence Space Research Agency (DSRA);
- (b) whether India has developed deterrence capability against adversaries who may attack Indian satellites to cripple systems in times of war; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage students to take part in Space research?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 FOR ANSWER ON 27.11.2019 REGARDING 'DEFENCE SPACE RESEARCH AGENCY'

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The desired information is strategic/sensitive in nature and its disclosure is not in the interests of National Security.

(c): ISRO organized a structured programme named "YUVIKA". Selected 111 meritorious students from all states and union territories and conducted interactive class room and technical visits at 4 different ISRO centres to encourage space research among the students of secondary school level.

Additionally, ISRO conducts student outreach programs at district/ taluk level, where ISRO organizes exhibitions, AV shows, competitions, interactive sessions and quizzes throughout the year. So far, more than 30 locations are covered pan India and covered more than 10 lakhs students. Six mobile exhibition buses were realized by ISRO and these buses are being taken to all rural areas to improve the research orientation among rural and urban students. So far, these buses have crossed more than 6000 kms. in 8 States.
