

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4105
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020**

NEW SPACE OBJECTS

4105. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any proposal regarding search for life on new space objects and other planets;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to promote new research works in space science;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the funds spent on space sector along with the new techniques patented during the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) No Sir.**
- (b) Does not arise.**
- (c) Yes Sir.**

- (d) **ISRO encourages new research using data from ISRO's space science missions. Announcement of Opportunities are published on ISRO webpage soliciting proposals for funds for research from Indian scientific community.**
- (e) **The details of funds spent on Space sector during the last three years and the current year (RE figure) are provided in the table below:**

Sl. No	Budget Year	Actual Expenditure (₹ in Crores)
1	2016-17	8,040.00
2	2017-18	9,130.57
2	2018-19	11,192.66
4	2019-20	13,139.26*

*RE 2019-20 figure

Details of the patents granted in the last three years and current year:

Year	No. of Patents
2016-17	15 Nos.
2017-18	08 Nos.
2018-19	17 Nos.
2019-20	19 Nos.
