

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3328**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022**

**PROTECTING INDIA'S INTEREST IN SPACE**

**3328. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:**

**Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning on establishing a dedicated military force for the purpose of protecting India's interests in Space and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) if not, the current provisions and international agreements for the protection of Indian satellites and other equipment around the orbit?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &**

**PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

**(a) & (b)**

**Government of India through Department of Space has been proactive in protecting and augmenting India's interests in**

**space by developing all-round capabilities in the domains of space transportation, infrastructure and applications.**

**Further, for protection of Indian satellites and other equipment in orbit, ISRO actively participates in all international efforts to contain the space debris growth for the long term sustainability of outer space.**

**ISRO is an active member of Inter Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee(IDAC), IAF Space Debris Working Group, IAA Space Traffic Management Working Group, ISO Space Debris Working Group and UNCOPUOS long term sustainability Working Group – all international organisations contributing to the space debris studies and space situational awareness.**

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