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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2964

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2025

PLANETARIUM OR SPACE SCIENCE CENTRE IN BIHAR

2964. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish a modern planetarium or Space Science Centre in Bihar;**
- (b) if so, the current status thereof along with the budget allocations and time-frame proposed for the same;**
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to launch such a project in future to promote science and space education in backward region like Bihar so that school students and youth can develop scientific temper and interest in space science; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

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(a) & (b)

As of now, there are no such proposals to establish modern Planetarium/ Space Science Centre in Bihar. However, Department will act positively and support such initiatives for establishment of modern planetarium in Bihar if such proposals will be received from concerned stakeholder(s).

(c) & (d)

Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched several educational outreach programs across various states, including Bihar, to inspire and train students in space science and technology & promote science and space education in Bihar state. Notable initiatives include YUVIKA, Space Tutors & Space on Wheels bus. ISRO has been inspiring young minds and fostering curiosity about space science through its innovative "Space on Wheels" outreach program. This mobile exhibition initiative brings the wonders of space exploration directly to students and communities across India, making science accessible even in remote areas. Recent events in states like Telangana, Jharkhand and & Bihar have showcased ISRO's commitment to engaging the public with interactive displays and educational content.

Recently, in Jharkhand and Bihar, the Space on Wheels program reached an impressive 30,000 individuals, covering villages, towns, and educational institutions in 20 different locations, ensuring that the excitement of space exploration transcends geographical barriers.
