GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1398

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

MARS ORBITER MISSION

1398. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) has completed its 100th orbit around Mars and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that it is gradually coming out from the blackout it had entered in the month of June and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the payload on the spacecraft is to be restarted in few weeks and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the MOM remains healthy and all its payloads are performing satisfactorily; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- a) Yes Madam. Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) has completed its 100th orbit around Mars on 25th June, 2015.
- b) Yes Madam. Mars Orbiter was in blackout zone from 2nd June 2015 to 2nd July 2015. It has come out of blackout zone on 2nd July 2015.

- c) The Payload operations have restarted from 14th July 2015. All Payload operations are being carried out regularly.
- d) Yes Madam.
- e) The Health of Mars Orbiter is normal and all its payloads are performing satisfactorily.
