

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2858**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016**

**INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

**2858. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

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

- (a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been formally invited to become a member of the International Space Station (ISS) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether ISRO has accepted the same and is taking part in the ISS development;**
- (c) if so, the budgetary allocations made thereof and the technical work required therefor;**
- (d) if not, whether ISRO desires to be a part of the ISS in the near future;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

- (a) No Madam.**
- (b) Does not arise.**
- (c) Does not arise.**
- (d)to(f) The studies on the possibilities of conducting Earth Observation experiments, utilising International Space Station (ISS) as platform, for Earth's environment and climate are underway.**

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