

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 569**

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

BRICS SATELLITES

569. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BRICS nations including India intend to establish a joint BRICS network of space satellites;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) 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) Yes Madam.**
- (b) As part of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Cooperation, space agencies of respective nations, including India, are pursuing technical discussions to realise a virtual constellation (network of remote sensing satellites provided by space agencies) in a phased manner, wherein space agencies could provide data from their existing remote sensing satellites. Such virtual constellation is intended to deal with challenges of the mankind such as global climate change, natural disasters and environmental protection.**
- (c) Does not arise.**
