

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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MISSION TO MOON PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a National Task Force has been set up under the `Mission to Moon` programme which will provide information regarding scientific objectives, cost and the projected date of launching of an unmanned aerial vehicle to moon;
- (b) if so, the latest position thereof alongwith the projected cost and the time span of the programme alongwith the time by which success is likely to be achieved in this mission; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the details are likely to be made available in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project has been processed for seeking Government approval. The project cost of the mission is Rs. 386.00 crores and the launch is targeted within five years of the project approval by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.