

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:142
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000
MISSION TO MOON
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE;SURESH PASI

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to launch a space aircraft to moon by the year 2005;
- (b) if so, the objective of the said mission;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be sent;
- (d) whether the project is being planned in collaboration with some other country or indigenously;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of estimated expenditure on the mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.142 REGARDING 'MISSION TO MOON' BY S/SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE AND SURESH PASI FOR ANSWER ON AUGUST 02, 2000.

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, preliminary studies have been undertaken by ISRO to examine the scientific aspects and feasibility of undertaking a mission to moon. These studies are primarily related to examination of possible scientific objectives, conceptualization of mission involving the spacecraft and the feasibility of using Indian launch vehicles to launch such a spacecraft into lunar orbit.

(c) It is expected to take about five years from the date of approval.

(d) No other agency is yet contacted on collaboration.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) As the instrumentation details are not worked out, it is difficult at this stage to estimate the expenditure on this mission.