

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2252
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SETTING UP OF MASTER CONTROL FACILITY
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Master Control Facility (MCF) at Hassan has become overburdened in keeping track of satellites;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has set up a Master Control Facility at Bhopal;
- (c) if so, the details including the cost thereof;
- (d) whether the MCF at Bhopal has become fully functional;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to set up more MCFs in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b)&(c) Government has set up a Master Control Facility at Bhopal for augmenting the on-orbit maintenance and operational support for geosynchronous satellites at a cost of Rs.40 crores.
- (d)&(e) The Master Control Facility at Bhopal was inaugurated on 11.04.2005 and it is fully operational.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.