

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:156

ANSWERED ON:01.03.2006

MISSION TO MOON

Nayak Smt. Archana;Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India`s first mission to the moon Chandrayan-I is progressing according to schedule;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Chandrayan-I would also carry American and European pay loads; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. India`s first mission to the moon, Chandrayaan-1, is progressing as per plan towards its launch in 2007-08.
- (b) The Preliminary Design Reviews of Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft and payload systems have been completed. The development of the spacecraft, scientific instruments and establishment of deep space network, are progressing satisfactorily.
- (c)&(d) Yes, Sir. In addition to the main Indian scientific instruments, four instruments from Europe and two from US have been selected by ISRO for inclusion in Chandrayaan-1 for conducting experiments for the advancement of scientific knowledge about moon.