

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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SETTING UP OF SPACE LABORATORY
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up a space laboratory to expedite various space programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is likely to have any effect on the Chandrayan Mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the space laboratory is to be an entirely indigenous project;
- (f) if so, whether the essential technology and resources for the said project is available in the country; and
- (g) if so, the time by which the said project is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) There is no proposal to set up a Space Laboratory. However, Space-based experiments like Spacecraft Recovery Experiment (SRE) and Astrosat, are planned. SRE of 500 kg will have a metallographic experiment on board and the samples processed in space will be recovered and brought back for studies. The Astrosat will carry Astrophysical Instruments which will provide an opportunity for the Indian Scientists to explore the outer space and galactic phenomena for a period of about two years.
- (c)&(d) No, Sir.
- (e),(f) Does not arise. & (g)