

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF A SPACE UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal for setting up of a space university by Indian Space Research Organisation is pending with the Government;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of space scientists expected to be graduated from the university during an academic year; and
- (d) the grants earmarked for the proposal and by when the university is likely to be set up?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for setting up Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology (IIST).
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) About 150 Space Scientists/Engineers are expected to graduate from IIST in an academic year.
- (d) Approval has been accorded to set up IIST with an initial investment of Rs.270 crores and an annual recurring expenditure of Rs.40 crores. The first academic programme is scheduled to commence in September 2007.