

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESOURCES FOR SPACE PLANS
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a decline in the selection of space scientists and research programmes during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if not, the number of scientists selected in space department and criteria prescribed for the same along with the number of scientists who participated in the World level research subjects/programmes during the last three years;
- (d) whether lack of resources have affected space plans during the last two years; and
- (e) if so, the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) 659 Scientists/Engineers have been recruited in the Department of Space(DOS)/Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) during the last three years. Programmatic needs from time to time and suitability with regard to the relevant qualification for appointment such as B.Tech./M.Sc./M.Tech./Ph D are the essential criteria for selection. DOS/ISRO is involved in world class research and development of Launch Vehicles, Satellites and Applications, to which all the Scientists/Engineers contribute.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.