

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3345

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2023

NEW SPACE POLICY

3345. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved NewSpace Policy;**
- (b) if so, the details along with its features thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has set up an autonomous body, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) and also Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory – India (LIGO-India);**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost and proposed functions thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has recently launched Chandrayaan-3 successfully and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC
GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)

Yes, Sir. The Indian Space Policy – 2023 has been approved and released in the public domain, The Policy opens up the sector for enhanced participation of Non-Government Entities(NGEs) across the entire value chain of the space economy, while clearly delineating the roles of various stakeholders viz. IN-SPACe, ISRO, NSIL and DOS.

(c) & (d)

Yes Sir.

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe)

The Government has set up the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre as a single-window agency for promotion and authorization of space activities. The budget allocations for IN-SPACe:

2021-22	Rs. 10 Cr
2022-23	Rs. 33 Cr
2023-24	Rs. 95 Cr

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory - India (LIGO-India)

The LIGO-India project has been approved by the Government of India at an estimated cost of Rs. 2600 Crore, with Department of Atomic Energy as the Lead Agency. After completion of the project, the LIGO-India will be operated as a national facility for

detecting Gravitation Waves and Research in related areas of Astronomy.

- (e) Yes, Sir. Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft was successfully launched onboard LVM-3 on 14th July 2023 at 14:35hrs from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR. Currently, the spacecraft is in the translunar orbit, with the Lunar-Orbit Insertion (LOI) planned on August 5, 2023.**
