

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL ON SPACE RESEARCH  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any agreement on space research has been signed with Brazil recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it would be implemented and extent to which it will help our space research?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIS  
OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Agencia Espacial Brasileira (AEB), the Brazilian Space Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on March 1, 2002 on cooperation in the peaceful use of outer space. This is a general umbrella agreement under which cooperative activities could be carried out in several areas such as the use of space and ground facilities for carrying out space research, application of satellites including communications, remote sensing and meteorology, operation of satellite ground stations, and training programmes.

(c) Specific activities under the MOU will be decided from time to time by both sides depending on mutual interest. The MOU will enable Indian scientists to carry out joint projects in space research and space applications in different fields which will enhance scientific knowledge, facilitating national development.