

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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CO-OPERATION IN SPACE TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether co-operation is proposed to be sought from China and Japan in the Space Technology Sector ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement has been signed with these countries in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the terms and conditions thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India would like to co-operate with China and Japan in the peaceful uses of space technology for mutual benefit. Possible areas include space sciences, remote sensing applications, satellite communications techniques, satellite based navigation, satellite based disaster management, training, etc.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of People's Republic of China in December 1991 on co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

(d) The Memorandum of Understanding provides an umbrella for co-operative activities in different areas through joint experiments and research, exchange of information and visits, holding of workshops and symposia, etc.