

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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ISRO/DRDO PROJECT FOR AIR SPACE SURVEILLANCE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the joint ISRO-DRDO project to commission surveillance over country's airspace is running behind schedule;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure safety of airspace?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): DRDO has undertaken a programme for satellite based surveillance and reconnaissance (SBS) for ground surveillance. Programme is in advanced stage of development and is planned to be completed by January 2007. Validation of Technologies has taken more time than anticipated.
- (c) The project is likely to be completed by January 2007.
- (d) Adequate surveillance measures exist for ensuring safety of airspace.