

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL NAVIGATIONAL SATELLITE SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Russia have signed any agreement for joint use of space based Global Navigational Satellite System (GLONASS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India and Russia have signed an agreement on long term cooperation in the field of joint development, operation and utilisation of the Russian Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS).

(c) Towards its implementation a Technology Safeguard Agreement has been concluded. Discussions on the specifics of the cooperative arrangement have commenced.