

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND ISRAEL IN SPACE RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Israel for cooperating with each other in the area of space research; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Israel Space Agency in 2003 on cooperation in the area of ultraviolet astronomy. A UV telescope namely TAUVEX, developed by an Israeli University, will be launched in GSAT-4 for the purpose of scientific observation.