

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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LAUNCH OF SPACE CRAFT
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to send Space Craft to the Moon and the Mars;
- (b) if so, the details thereof outlining the type of Manned or Unmanned Space-crafts proposed to be launched;
- (c) the details of the schedule chalked out in this regard alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

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- (a) & (b) India has already sent Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft (Unmanned) to Moon on 8th November 2008. Further, Government have approved undertaking Chandrayaan-2 mission. Chandrayaan-2 is an unmanned spacecraft and is intended for in-situ scientific exploration of polar regions of Moon. Presently, there is no proposal to send a spacecraft to Mars.
- (c) The Chandrayaan-2 is scheduled for launch during 2011-12 timeframe.The total budget approved for Chandrayaan-2 is Rs.425 crore.
- (d) Chandrayaan-2 will enhance the scientific understanding of Moon's surface and environment, upgrade India's technological capabilities and provide opportunities for younger generation in the country for planetary research.