

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Israel are cooperating with each other in the field of Space;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the recent launch of Polaris Satellite of Israel by the Government is a part of this understanding;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Israel to undertake any project in future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS , MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Israeli Space Agency (ISA) have been cooperating in the area of peaceful uses of outer space.
- (c) No, Sir. The launch of 'Polaris' (TECHSAR) was a commercial contract with Antrix Corporation of the Department of Space.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) Under a memorandum of Understanding, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Israeli Space Agency mutually agreed for flying an Israeli instrument called TAUVEEX (Tel Aviv Ultra Violet Experiment) on ISRO's satellite as a guest instrument. This scientific instrument is a space borne telescope operating in ultraviolet region whose data will be available to Indian scientists.