

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPACE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has asked US, UK and other countries for assistance in Manned Space Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof country-wise; and
- (c) the response received so far from each country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) (b) & (c) As part of Pre-project Studies on "Manned Space Programme" approved by the Government in 2007, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has initiated preliminary studies to understand the technological challenges involved in undertaking Manned Space Programme.

In December 2008, an MOU was signed between ISRO and Russian Federal Space Agency on undertaking joint activities in the field of human spaceflight programme. Two feasibility studies were conducted by Russian Agency under this MOU during 2009-2010.

Also United States of America has expressed interest to collaborate with India on Human Space Flight as stated in the joint statement of Indian Prime Minister and US President in November 2010.