

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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LUNAR EXPLORATION
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to go ahead with the second phase of lunar exploration under the Chandrayaan series;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private companies are also involved/proposed to be involved in the Mission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) ISRO has taken up Chandrayaan-II mission, which is the second phase of lunar exploration, under the Chandrayaan series.

Chandrayaan-II is an Indo- Russian joint mission wherein India will develop the Orbiter and Rover module and the Lander module will be by the Russian side. Launch of Chandrayaan-II will be by India's Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.