

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2560  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF SPACE INSTITUTE  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is facing shortage of engineers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the sanctioned strength of engineers and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the ISRO proposes to set up an exclusive Institute to train people in space programmes and technologies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the location identified for the purpose and the time by which the new Institute is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) ISRO has established the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology near Thiruvananthapuram offering undergraduate, post graduate, doctoral and post doctoral programmes in specialized areas of Space Technology and Space Science from the academic year 2007-08 onwards. The Institute is primarily meant to meet the requirement of highly skilled manpower required for India's Space Programme.