

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3270  
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COSMONAUT TRAINING INSTITUTE  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there was a proposal to establish a cosmonaut training institute in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether there is any cost or time overrun in the establishment of this institute; 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) & (b) As a part of Pre-project studies on "Manned Space Programme", ISRO has initiated a number of studies on the technologies and facilities required for the mission. One of the elements of the pre-project study is on the requirements of an Astronaut Training Institute. The process of finalising the technical specifications of the facilities required for the Astronaut Training Centre has been initiated.
- (c) The Proposal for the establishment of Astronaut Training Institute has not yet been taken up for approval.
- (d) Does not arise.