

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3272  
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UPGRADATION OF LPSC  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the long pending demand to upgrade the Liquid Propulsion System Centre (LPSC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu into a separate centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and;
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be upgraded?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from a section of local residents to upgrade LPSC, Mahendragiri into a separate centre.
- (b) Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) is a major centre responsible for R&D activities and production of liquid propellant stages for launch vehicles and spacecrafts. The centre's facilities and activities are spread across (a) Valiamala near Thiruvananthapuram, (b) Mahendragiri and (c) Bangalore.  
  
The LPSC situated at Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu is the main test facility responsible for Assembly, Integration & Testing and Propellant storage & Servicing for launch vehicle engines & stages. The activities carried on here are complementary and are not independent of the activities being carried on at the other Liquid Propulsion units. They are coordinated and integrated by the Centre at Valiamala and hence the need to make LPSC, Mahendragiri, an independent Centre, has not been felt.
- (c) & (d) Does not arise.