

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF SCIENTISTS/ENGINEERS  
Dhurve Jyoti

**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the shortage of scientists/engineers in ISRO during the last few years is due to the shortage of students in science stream in the country; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology is likely to help in filling the gap of students with background in space science?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram is running four years Under-Graduate Programme in Space Science with an approved intake of 36 students per year. The requirement of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for students with background in Science is met by IIST.