

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2459
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SETTING UP OF IISST
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology has been set up by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the technology graduates passing out from the said institute in a year and whether all of them got employment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the expenditure incurred on this institute since its inception to till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF 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, an academic institute under the Department of Space, was started during the academic year 2007-08 at Thiruvananthapuram offering B.Tech programme in three streams of specialisation viz. (i) Avionics, (ii) Aerospace engineering and (iii) Physical Science with an objective of providing quality human resources to Indian Space Programme. Currently 584 students are enrolled for these graduate courses. In the year 2010 Post graduate courses were started in Chemical and Software computing & machine learning disciplines exclusively for ISRO sponsored employees. 29 students of ISRO sponsored employees are currently pursuing these courses. Ph. D Courses were also started in the year 2010 with yearly intake of 12 to 15 students. Currently 49 students are registered for research courses in various disciplines

(c) & (d) The maiden batch (2011) of students totaling to 117 out of 126 in three streams of specialisation viz., Avionics, Aerospace engineering and Physical Science, who have passed out with a score of 6.5 CGPA (the minimum bench mark has been made known to students earlier itself) have been absorbed in Department of Space (DOS) / Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

(e) The Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram has incurred a cumulative expenditure of `25,303.11 lakhs as per the following details:

Sl. Year Expenditure
No. (Rs In lakhs)

1.	2007-08	969.24
2.	2008-09	4092.84
3.	2009-10	5528.89
4.	2010-11	7904.38
5.	2011-12	6807.76
	(upto 29.2.2012 -Un-audited)	

Total till 25,303.11
end of
February 2012

