

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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CONTROVERSY OVER ANTRIX DEVAS DEAL
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the opinion made by the former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) that he would not discount the possibility of an international conspiracy in raking up a controversy over the Antrix-Devas deal, targeting the nation's top scientists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) The two committee's

(i) The High Power Review Committee (HPRC) and

(ii) The High Level Team (HLT) constituted by the Central Government to examine various aspects of the Antrix Devas deal, have not indicated any kind of international conspiracy, whatsoever.

(b) Does not arise.