

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:20  
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MARS MISSION  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has approved the proposal with regard to `Mars Mission`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount likely to be spent on the said Mission and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The proposed "Mars Mission" (unmanned orbiter) is under final stage of consideration by the Government for its approval.
- (b) ISRO proposes to undertake a "Mars Orbiter Mission" during October-November 2013. The objective of the Mission is to demonstrate India's technological capability to reach Martian orbit and would pave the way for future scientific exploratory missions. The Mars Orbiter is planned for launch using India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- (c) The cost of the proposed "Mars Orbiter Mission" is `450 crores and the mission is planned to be completed by 2015-16.