

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPERSONATION AT ISRO

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

- (a) whether a woman, posing as Senior Scientist of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), was arrested recently while attempting to enter the closely guarded headquarters of ISRO at Bangalore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) A civilian lady by name Smt Beula M Sam, who posed as a Senior Scientist gained access to ISRO Headquarters on 21.09.2012 by using a fake ISRO Identity Card. However, she was apprehended on the same day afternoon and handed over to IB and subsequently to Police for further investigation.

The headquarters of ISRO is well guarded by a comprehensive security system. The incident of trespass was due to a lapse in authentication and security check process. The Department has taken immediate remedial measures to strengthen the security.

(c) The measures taken/being taken to prevent recurrence in future include rigorous authentication of visitors before their entry into ISRO Offices; escorting of visitors in and out of the Office, Sensitising security personnel regarding proper check of ID cards, improvement of CCTV systems and development of a unified common access control system with standardized Identity Card & centralised data base for cross verification.