GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SPACE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2531 ANSWERED ON:13.03.2013 ANTI SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of India's Anti-Satellite Technology (ASAT) capabilities; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance India's capabilities in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space has no programme to develop Anti-Satellite Technology capabilities.
- (b) The main objective of Indian Space Programme is for the peaceful use of outer space for national development. Hence, development of Anti-Satellite Technology is not contemplated.