

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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BUDGET FOR SPACE RESEARCH  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the financial allocation for space research in our country is very low in comparison to other developing countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the budget allocation made by the Government for space research in the last three years along with its percentage to India's GDP in each year;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to increase the budgetary allocations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reason therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. The financial allocation for space research in our country compares well to that of other developing countries.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The budgetary allocations made for space research and technology, which includes Space Technology, Space Sciences, Space Applications, Directions & Administration and INSAT Operational systems in the last three years along with its percentage to India's GDP in each year are given below:

| Year    | Financial Budget (Rs. In crores) | Allocated Percentage to India's GDP |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2010-11 | 5778.04                          | 0.074%                              |
| 2011-12 | 6626.04                          | 0.074%                              |
| 2012-13 | 6715.04                          | 0.067%                              |

- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The indicative Plan outlay for space research during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) is ` 39,750 crores. The actual plan expenditure during 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) was ` 15,195 crores. The increase in Plan allocation during 12th Five Year Plan is intended to undertake space research in the areas of development of Advanced Communication Satellites, development of Advanced Launch Vehicle Technology, high-resolution imaging system, Satellite Navigation Systems, Space Science & Planetary Exploration and Disaster Management Support Programme.