

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGE RESOURCE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Village Resource Centres have been set up by ISRO in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the establishment of Village Resource Centres is a project undertaken by Antrix Corporation Limited, the commercial arm of ISRO; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action being carried out by the Village Resource Centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes Madam. To demonstrate the potential of satellite technology for development of rural areas, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has so far set up 456 Village Resource Centres (VRCs), on a pilot scale, in association with selected NGOs, Trusts and State Government Departments. Village Resource Centres have provided various space technology enabled services such as tele-healthcare, tele-education, natural resources information etc.
- (b) No Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.