

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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IIST  
Panda Shri Baijayant "Jay"

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

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal for setting up central institutions on the lines of Indian Institute for Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram for training students in space science and technology, in other locations across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) was established at Thiruvananthapuram with a prime objective of meeting high quality human resources requirements of the Indian Space Programme. The total human resources requirements of the Indian Space Programme are being met by IIST and at present, the need for creating similar Centres of academic excellence elsewhere in the Country is not contemplated.