

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2433**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018**

**ASTEROID MINING**

**2433. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

**Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of asteroid mining in outer space;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the research and development undertaken as well as legal challenges arising out of the same; and**
- (c) whether the Government has identified and listed near earth asteroids of various sizes and if so, the details thereof ?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b)**

**ISRO has not made a comprehensive assessment on asteroid mining.**

**(c) Does not arise.**

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