GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.482

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2019

CHANDRAYAAN - II

482. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Chandrayaan-II programme;
- (b) the reasons for missing stipulated deadline of January 2019 for the launch of Chandrayaan-II and by when it is expected to be launched now;
- (c) whether the delay in the Chandrayaan-II programme resulted in any escalation in the budget of Rs. 800 crore which was announced earlier for the programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether ISRO has planned 32 missions this year 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) Lander (Vikram) is undergoing final integration tests. Rover (Pragyan) has completed all tests and waiting for the Vikram readiness to undergo further tests. Orbiter of Chandrayaan-2 is ready for integration with the Lander.

- (b) Vikram is totally a new and complicated design. Several tests are to be conducted in order to prove the design. These tests have taken more time than expected.
- (c) There is no cost escalation due to this delay.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Yes. They are 17 launch vehicle missions, 18 satellite missions and one technology demonstration.
