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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3000**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

**SPACE PROGRAM OF INDIA VIS-À-VIS CHINA**

3000. SHRI P.L. PUNIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is lagging behind China in space research/ programmes;
- (b) if so, the details of the achievements made by China vis-à-vis India in space programmes;  
and
- (c) the action plan proposed to further India's achievements in space research?

**ANSWER**

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(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)

Space activities for any country are governed by its own needs and priorities. These needs originate from various parameters, i.e. technical capability, scientific interest, economic status, geographical and climatic conditions etc. Therefore in absence of proper common platform for comparison, it is difficult to comment on leading and lagging country. While China has better achievements in certain areas, at the same time India too has performed far better in some other fields in line with its national priorities.

- (c) India is working on many futuristic projects in the field of Earth observation, Communications, Navigation, Space Science and Propulsion Systems to further its achievements in space research

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