

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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SPY SATELLITES
SUNDER LAL TIWARI;TARUN GOGOI

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain foreign Spy satellites are present in our space territory;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the foreign Spy satellites identified in our space territory during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (d) the effective steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE):

- (a),(b) & (c)} No, Sir. However foreign satellites do orbit in international space territory and collect information on all parts of the earth including India.
- (d) International law does not provide for preventing satellites from orbiting and collecting information over any territory.