

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1490

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LAUNCHING OF SATELLITE FOR TELECOM

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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned launching of two more satellites to boost telecommunications, TV broadcasting and VSAT services network of the country;
- (b) if so, whether any programme has been prepared in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which such satellites are likely to be launched?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has approved launching of two more satellites to boost the telecommunications, TV Broadcasting and Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) services network of the country.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) This is a part of the on-going need to build enough C, Ext-C & Ku-band capacity in the INSAT system as per the approved 9th Plan programme.
- (d) These satellites are expected to be launched in the year 2001-2002.