

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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SPACE TECHNOLOGY FOR PRIVATE SECTOR .  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to involve the private sector in space technology;
- (b) if so, the details of the areas identified therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the proposed decision is likely to be executed?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Guided by the objective of achieving self-reliance in space technology, partnership with industries has been nurtured through various initiatives and cooperative ventures. Department of Space (DOS) has linkages with more than 500 small, medium and large-scale industries through procurement contracts, know-how transfers and provision of technical consultancy. This includes industries in both private sector and public sector and is a continuing process.