

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIAL LAUNCH OF SPACECRAFTS
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a plan has been drawn up for commercial launching of spacecrafts by the Indian Space Research Organisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its present status;
- (c) whether any agreement has been signed with any countries in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Antrix Corporation Limited (ACL), which is the commercial arm of ISRO is marketing launch services using India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) on commercial basis. So far, two satellites from Germany (in 1999 and 2001) and one each from Republic of Korea (in 1999) and Belgium (in 2001) have been launched commercially by PSLV.

(c) Presently, three contracts have been signed for launch of foreign satellites using PSLV.

(d) # Agreement between ACL and LAPAN, Indonesia for launching a microsatellite during 2005-06.

Agreement between ACL and Cosmos International, Germany for launching a 350 kg AGILE satellite for Italy during 2006-07.

Agreement between ACL and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore for launching a microsatellite during 2006-07.