GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SPACE LOK SABHA

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FAILURE OF LAUNCH OF GSLV
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the GSLV-F02 carrying INSAT-4C failed to achieve its mission and crashed;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted investigation to ascertain the reasons for the failure;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) the total cost involved for the launch of GSLV-F02;
- (e) the corrective measures proposed to be taken in future programmes; and
- (f) the time by which the next satellite is likely to be launched?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b)&(c) A Failure Analysis Committee has been set up with experts from ISRO, academia and national research laboratory to ascertain the reasons of failure. The Committee is expected to submit its findings within one month.
- (d) The cost of INSAT-4C satellite is Rs.96 Crores and the cost of launch is Rs.150 Crores making a total of Rs. 246 Crores.
- (e) The corrective measures would be formulated after the Failure Analysis Committee submits its findings.
- (f) The next launch of GSLV carrying the replacement satellite INSAT-4CR would take place within one year.