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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether ISRO is contemplating to launch in future any other communications satellites after the successful launch of INSAT-4B;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of transponders providing services through the communication satellites of the country;
- (d) the extent of income being generated every year from transponders service through the satellites;
- (e) whether any target has been set for commercial use of satellites in future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SPACE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) ISRO proposes to launch about 12 communication satellites in the 11th Five Year Plan period to provide replacements and additional capacity.
- (c) At present, 199 transponders provide services through communication satellites of the country.
- (d) The total income from the lease of INSAT transponders is estimated at Rs.400 crores for the year 2007-2008.
- (e) & (f) Yes, Sir. It is targeted to achieve annual revenue of about Rs.1000 crores through commercial use of Indian satellite transponders by the end of the 11th five year plan.