

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) proposes to launch the GSLV-D3 rocket with an indigenous engine for the first time in the country's space history; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The GSLV-D3 rocket, with indigenously developed cryogenic upper stage, is planned for launch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota during second quarter of 2010. GSLV-D3 will place GSAT-4, the experimental communication satellite, into geostationary orbit. The vehicle assembly activities are currently in progress.