

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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SATELLITE PHONE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not having India`s own Satellite to provide services of Satellite phones in the country; and
- (b) the details of the contract entered by the Government with the foreign company(ies) in this regard alongwith its date of expiry?

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) India has realized an operational satellite phone system using Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) on INSAT- 3C for selected users in an optimal configuration.
- (b) Government have not entered into any contract with a foreign agency/company for providing services of satellite phones.