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

- (a) whether the country had successfully launched PSLV rocket recently;
- (b) if so, the successes achieved thereon including the satellites launched through the rocket and their features and the applications;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to publicise widely this achievement internationally so as to attract more countries/organisations to launch their satellites through PSLV; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On July 12, 2010, ISRO successfully launched Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C15) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota. It carried a total of five satellites, namely (i) CARTOSAT-2B, an advanced high resolution remote sensing satellite belonging to India, meant for village level resource assessment and mapping (ii) STUDSAT, a pico satellite belonging to Indian Engineering Colleges, meant for educational and technology demonstration purposes (iii) ALSAT-2A, a micro satellite from Algerian space agency, for earth observation purposes (iv) and (v) NLS 6.1 & NLS-6.2 nano satellites, both built by Canada for scientific research purposes.

(c) & (d) PSLV has been used for launching 25 satellites for international commercial customers. PSLV already has good standing in the international market. In the coming years, many more international customer satellite launches are envisaged on-board PSLV.