

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the competition in the space sector is likely to lead to a space war;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the potential threats in the space sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY):

(a) (b) & (c) The increased activities by Space-faring nations in exploiting the potentials of Space in the areas of remote sensing, communication, navigation, planetary exploration, etc., including strategic applications; and enhanced space transportation capabilities; are creating a competitive environment in the Space sector, globally. There are also reports on the demonstration of capabilities to militarize the outer space.

Being aware of the catastrophic effects that any possible space war could cause, there are efforts at global level to use the Space for peaceful purposes, and continuously evolve necessary guidelines. India is a key subscriber to such efforts.