

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of satellites the country proposes to place in orbit in view of the communications and military needs;
- (b) whether some countries have approached India to avail of its launching facilities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY):

(a) During the year 2011-12, ISRO is proposing to place in orbit three satellites viz., GSAT-12, GSAT-8 and GSAT-7 to meet the country's immediate communication needs, including that of defence forces.

(b) &(c) ISRO has been approached by several countries for launching their satellites using India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. Till date, a total of 25 foreign satellites belonging to Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Turkey, Switzerland have been launched using PSLV.

Further, in the near future, there are also plans to launch 12 satellites belonging to Singapore, Luxembourg, Canada, Japan, Germany and Indonesia using PSLV.