

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1612  
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LAUNCH OF ISRAELI SATELLITE  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched Israeli Satellite, Techsar during January, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main objectives of the ISRO in application of space science and technology;
- (d) whether ISRO and Antrix promoted the strategic and business interests of foreign investors/countries; and
- (e) if so the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) TECSAR is a Israeli satellite using Synthetic Aperture Radar technology and designed for Earth Observation purposes under all-weather conditions. TECSAR was launched by India's PSLV C10 on January 21, 2008 under a commercial contract with Antrix Corporation.

(c) The objective of ISRO in application of space technology is towards the national development in the areas of satellite communications, Meteorology, Natural resource management and Disaster Management Support. The space science research of ISRO is focused on astronomy and astrophysics as well as planetary exploration.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.