

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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REMOTE SENSING SATELLITE  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India is planning to send any remote sensing satellite into the space in the immediate future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India is going to assist the foreign Governments in sending their satellites into orbit; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India is planning to launch during last quarter of 2011, Meghatropics satellite for weather and climate studies in tropical regions. This will be followed by launch of a Radar Imaging Satellite (RISAT-1) with all-weather capabilities, for enhanced applications in the areas of agriculture and disaster management and launch of SARAL Satellite (Satellite for Argos and AltiKa) for ocean, environment and meteorological studies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Antrix, the commercial arm of the Department of Space has been approached by several countries for launching their satellites using India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. There are plans to launch 11 satellites belonging to Luxembourg, Canada, Japan, Germany and Indonesia using PSLV in the near future.