

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN SPY SATELLITES
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the presence of foreign spy satellite in our space has been detected during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No Sir. However, there have been reports about the Spy Satellites launched by various countries for intelligence and surveillance. In the present day context, the distinction between highly agile high-resolution Remote Sensing Satellites for civilian purposes and the Spy Satellites is very thin. Such high-resolution Remote Sensing Satellites have been launched by many countries and are used for earth observation. As per the international space law, outer space does not come under the jurisdiction of any country.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.