

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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SATELLITES FOR MONITORING ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to build satellites to monitor environment to assess agricultural conditions and weather to help people on the ground in coordination with other government agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it will be helpful to forecast the climate change?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS,
MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS , MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH
SCIENCES(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Government have proposed to build satellites for monitoring the different aspects of atmosphere and environment, agricultural conditions and different weather related aspects, in coordination with concerned ministries, such as, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation.
- (c) These satellites will facilitate understanding the different aspects pertaining to climate and its impact on agriculture.