

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPACE TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is facing huge competition from other countries in space technology in offering discounted satellite launches and alternatives to GPS navigation to regional neighbours;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in this regard;
- (c) the details of requests received from various countries for launching of their satellites in India and the action taken by the Government in this direction; and
- (d) the total amount allocated, disbursed and spent by ISRO for its multi varied projects during the last three years and current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) No Madam. India's space programme is driven by considerations of self-reliance and national developmental needs.

The launch vehicle capacity of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is mainly utilized to meet the domestic needs of the country. However, the surplus capacity of the Indian launch vehicles, available after meeting the domestic requirements, is offered to other countries, on commercial basis, through Antrix Corporation Limited (Antrix), the commercial arm of ISRO.

Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) being realized is capable of providing navigation services to our regional neighbours also.

(c) As on date, ISRO has launched 40 satellites received from 19 foreign countries, on commercial basis, under contract between Antrix and respective foreign customer. Antrix has also signed agreements for launching 15 satellites from 6 countries. Further, requests of prospective customers from France, Malaysia, UAE (Dubai), UK, Canada, Europe and Russia for launching their satellites are under discussions. The action has been taken to realize the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles to meet these launch requests.

(d) The total amount allocated, disbursed and spent by ISRO for its multi varied projects during the last three years and current year is given below:

[` in Crore]

Year	Financial Amount Allocated (BE)	Amount Disbursed (RE)	Amount spent (ACTUALS)
2011-12	6626.00	4432.00	3784.23
2012-13	6715.00	4880.00	4856.25
2013-14	6792.00	5172.00	5168.95
2014-15	7238.00	-	-