

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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SAARC Satellite

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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has sought response from SAARC countries on the launch of proposed SAARC satellite from Sriharikota and if so, the response of the SAARC countries in this regard;
- (b) whether there were any bilateral discussions among SAARC countries in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the successful launch of SAARC satellite?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The response of the SAARC countries to the proposal has been encouraging. The SAARC member countries have shown keen interest in the proposal and all member countries have participated in the conference convened by India on June 22, 2015 at New Delhi for a detailed deliberation on 'Satellite for SAARC countries'
- (b) No Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) As a follow-up of the conference held on June 22, 2015 at Delhi among SAARC countries on the subject of 'Satellite for SAARC', the member countries are being approached for obtaining consent on use of frequency band and the orbital location required for realisation of the satellite.

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