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Launch of Astrosat

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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched Astrosat as its first astronomical mission;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives including the cost incurred thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from other countries for launch of such satellites; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- a) Yes Madam. Astrosat is the first dedicated Indian astronomy mission launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- b) Astrosat was launched successfully onboard Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C30 on 28th September 2015 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The objectives of the mission are to study the stars and galaxies in Ultraviolet, optical and X-ray wavelength bands to enhance our understanding of the universe. The sanctioned cost of Astrosat is Rs.177.85 crores and the cost incurred upto end March 2015 is Rs.172.68 crores (provisional).
- c) No Madam. The Government has not received any requests from other countries for the launch of such Astrosat type of satellites.
- d) Does not arise.
