GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SPACE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1142 ANSWERED ON:02.03.2016 GSLV Rajendran Shri S.

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is ample demand for GSLV from the satellite manufacturers across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether US companies are also bidding for our GSLV launch pad; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the list of other countries interested for the same?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Antrix Corporation Limited (Antrix), the commercial arm of ISRO, is holding preliminary discussions with some of the space agencies / companies across the world for providing GSLV launch services for the foreign customer satellites.

(c)&(d) No Madam. The launch pads at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota are used exclusively for launch vehicles developed by ISRO.

However, one of the leading space company from USA is under initial phase of discussion with Antrix, to utilise the GSLV launch services for one of their communication satellite. The other countries that have shown interest in utilising GSLV launch services include space agencies/ companies from Canada, France, Republic of Korea and Turkey.
