

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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Privatising PSLV Operations
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ISRO proposes to privatise some space operations for Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) by 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and main idea behind this move;
- (c) whether some foreign countries have privatised their space mission and have gained young talent and less dependence on Government agencies; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which this step of the Government is likely to reduce India"s total dependence on foreign purchases?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(d)

ISRO has been pursuing a conscious approach of building up and nurturing the industrial capabilities in the country to maximally support the Indian Space Programme. In order to step up the launch capacity within the country, ISRO is in the process of exploring the possibility of involving Indian industry in a greater role to meet the increased national requirements and possible commercial demand for launch services. Discussions are being held with the Indian industry towards formulating a well conceived plan & strategy to enhance the capacity and capability of managing the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) programme on an end to end basis.

(c) Yes Madam. In USA, Japan and Europe, the launch vehicles and satellites are built by private industry.
