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Title: Statement laid regarding successful launch of Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle/INSAT/ 4CR.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Sir, I am happy to inform this august House that Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, GSLV-F04 has successfully launched our latest communication satellite, INSAT-4CR, on September 2, 2007 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

The 2140 kg. INSAT-4CR is the third satellite in INSAT-4 series. The INSAT-4CR satellite carrying 12 high power Ku band transponders will augment INSAT capacity for Direct-To-Home (DTH) television and other communications services.

The Master Control Facility at Hassan in Karnataka acquired signals from INSAT-4CR soon after it entered into orbit and initial checks have indicated normal health of the satellite. Orbit raising manoeuvres have commenced on September 3, 2007 and will continue during September 5-7, 2007 followed by deployment of appendages, three axis stabilization, payload switching 'on' and in-orbit tests. INSAT-4CR will be operationalised by the end of September 2007.

I request Members to join me in congratulating the Chairman and all members of the ISRO team and in wishing them a success.

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