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Title: The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office made a statement regarding successful launch of 10 Satellites by India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C9).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Sir, I am happy to inform this august house that today, the April 28, 2008, India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C9) successfully launched CARTOSAT-2A, Indian Mini Satellite - 1 (IMS-1) and eight nano satellites for international customers into the desired orbit. This is the 12th consecutively successful flight of PSLV conducted from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota. All the systems have performed satisfactorily. PSLV-C9 launched in its core alone configuration launched ten satellites with a total weight of about 820 kg.

CARTOSAT-2A weighing 690 kg is a state-of-the-art Remote Sensing Satellite, similar to CARTOSAT-2 launched on January 10, 2007. The data with a resolution of about one meter from this satellite will be used for detailed mapping applications at cadastral level, urban and rural infrastructure development, and management.

Along with CARTOSAT-2A, 83 kg Indian Mini Satellites - 1(IMS-1) which incorporates many new technologies and has miniature subsystems was also launched successfully. The data from this mission will be made available to the interested space agencies and student community from developing countries to provide necessary impetus to capacity building in using satellite data.

Eight nano-satellites launched onboard PSLV-C9 were built by Universities and Research institutions in Canada and Cosmos International, Germany.

This successful launch of PSLV-C9 has reiterated its capability and versatility to launch satellites in various types of orbits and also to carry out multiple satellite missions. I am sure that, this august House will join me in congratulating Chairman, ISRO and his team on this magnificent achievement.

MR. SPEAKER: I have already mentioned from the Chair.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Sir, along with this we should congratulate the public sector company Mecon Limited, which designed and made the launch platform.

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: We congratulate all the people involved.

MR. SPEAKER: The House congratulates all the people involved. Thank you for raising it.

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