

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I was requesting him. *...(Interruptions)...* Whatever the issue is, the LoP, I was requesting. And he threatened me!

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: No, Sir; never.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I say, please, we have certain rules.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I do assert again that the anguish of hunger is not an issue that we politicise. *...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is not a debate. *...(Interruptions)...* This is Zero Hour. *...(Interruptions)...* I agree that you have every right to say that. *...(Interruptions)...* But this is not a debate. This is Zero Hour. *...(Interruptions)...* You have every right to say that. *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: It is wrong of the Prime Minister to say that we are playing politics. *...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: But this issue is not a debate. *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: It is a debatable issue. *...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The hon. Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office is to make a statement on PSLV. *...(Interruptions)...* It is an achievement of the Nation. *...(Interruptions)...* Please allow the Minister to make the statement. *...(Interruptions)...* This is a statement to be made at 12.30 p.m. *...(Interruptions)...*

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Successful launch of ten satellites by India's Polar Satellite launch vehicle (PSLV-C9)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE 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 (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), Shriharikota. All the systems have performed satisfactorily. PSLV-C9 launched in its core alone configuration launched ten satellites with a total weight of about 820 kilograms.

CARTOSAT-2A weighing 690 kilograms 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 metre 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 kilogram Indian Mini Satellite-1 (IMS-1) which incorporates many new technologies and has miniature sub-systems was also launched successfully. The data from this mission will be made available to 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 reliability 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 the Chairman, ISRO, and his team on this magnificent achievement.

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY (West Bengal): But don't do this for Israel. That is our only request. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Sir, this is not politicising the issue. I do rise to unequivocally commend the Chairman, ISRO, and I really congratulate the team of scientists on their achievement. This is, as I said, is not politicising the issue. This is a recognition of scientific talent; more particularly, that it is a multi-satellite launch, which admittedly allow our mini satellites as also nano satellites. I think, they are Canadian-built nano satellites or Canadian fabricated, which are really the first of its kind. My congratulations to the entire team of ISRO for this. I think, I could be wrong on facts. Dr. Kasturirangan would know better. I think, this is the first launch of nano satellites, but not multiple launch, by an Indian mission. The future does belong to nano technology. It is a very welcome development. On some day, the hon. Minister would share more details because there are also multiple orbits. The statement says that they have performed some different tasks. On some day, the hon. Minister can elaborate the multiple tasks as also the different missions and give some details about it, because this is no longer a secret. I can access it from Canada. I can go to the university and access the details of it. It would be better if I don't have to do that and if he can share it with the House, how nano the nano-satellite is, which are the mini satellites and which are the various missions that you have performed satisfactorily. Thank you.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION—*(Contd.)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Kamal Akhtar.

Denial of Admission to Sons/Daughters of members of Parliament to Public and Convent Schools

श्री कमल अख्तर (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभापति महोदय, अभी आप नेता विपक्ष दूसरे लोगों से व्यवस्था के बारे में बोल रहे थे कि कैसे सदन चलना है। मैं पहले उसी संबंध में थोड़ी सी बात कहकर फिर अपनी बात कहना चाहता हूँ। सर, एक आधे घंटे की चर्चा का नोटिस मैंने यहां पर दिया था, वह नोटिस accept हो गया, डेढ़ महीने तक मंत्री जी को टाइम नहीं मिला, आज उसका नोटिस दिया गया और नोटिस देने के बाद 5.00 बजे का उसमें टाइम ...*(व्यवधान)*...

श्री उपसभापति: सब्जेक्ट क्या है? सब्जेक्ट यह नहीं है।

श्री कमल अख्तर: मैं उसी पर आ रहा हूँ, सर। यह भी महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न है। सर, आप ही व्यवस्था की बात कर रहे थे न?

श्री उपसभापति: व्यवस्था की बात आप अंदर बोलिए, यहां व्यवस्था की बात उठ नहीं सकते। आप सब्जेक्ट पर आइए।

श्री कमल अख्तर: सर, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार का ध्यान इस ओर दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि देश के अंदर शिक्षा के लिए बड़ी योजनाएँ चल नहीं हैं, ताकि बच्चों को अच्छी तालीम मिले, बच्चों को अच्छी पढ़ाई मिले और इसके लिए