

Failure of Rocket Launched by VSSC

***595. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has got any review report regarding the failure of the latest Rocket Launch by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC);
- (b) if so, the main reasons thereof; and
- (c) whether new targets and action plan is formulated for the next launch; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A two-tier process for Failure Analysis and Review of GSLV-D3 flight has been instituted. The failure analysis and review process is targeted to be completed by mid-June 2010.

(c) and (d) The next flight testing of Indigenous Cryogenic Engine and Stage with GSAT satellite is targeted in about one year from now.

Indian viewpoint over Afghanistan and Pakistan

***596. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the difficulty in conveying our viewpoint across on Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc., to the current United States' administration?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): India and USA have a regular and high-level dialogue, including with the senior leadership in USA, on all issues of mutual interest and concern. The two countries regularly discuss the situation in our neighborhood, including in Afghanistan and Pakistan. No difficulty is experienced in conveying Government's viewpoint to the United States on relevant issues concerning the situation in India's neighbourhood and the U.S. Administration is fully aware of India's position on these issues.

Interest rate on MIS

***597. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of interest payable on deposits in Monthly Income Scheme (MIS) in Post Offices;
- (b) the criteria for fixing the rate and its relation with rate of inflation;
- (c) whether Government would give 10 per cent bonus for MIS in Post Office to attract more deposits from small investors; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The rate of interest payable in Monthly Income Scheme (MIS) accounts in post