

16.12.2010, has requested the concerned Central Ministries/Deptts. to *inter alia*, ensure that the above instructions of the Planning Commission, in respect of SCSP, were fully complied with, in preparation of their Annual Plan as well as Detailed Demands for Grants for 2011-12.

Detection of debris of crashed helicopter by satellites

1987. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO Satellite has been able to detect the debris of the crashed helicopter in Arunachal Pradesh on April 30, 2011;

(b) if not, whether this failure pose a serious threat to the guarding of the sensitive border with People's Republic of China; and

(c) the steps that have been taken by ISRO to rectify the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY):

(a) No, Sir. If the crashed helicopter had carried a standard distress alert beacon, the chances of a search and rescue satellite detecting the crash would have been greater. The debris could not be located through our remote sensing satellites as these small objects were in a region covered with thick forest.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The microwave remote sensing satellites planned for future will improve the possibility of detection under cloud coverage, but it would be very difficult to detect debris of very small size in a thick forest covered region.

Pricing of remote sensing data products

1988. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) to streamline the pricing of its remote sensing data products to its global customers since the higher resolution satellite data in the global market were six times more than the price of comparable Indian remote sensing products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the performance of three out of seven remote sensing satellites are below their maximum capacity in terms of the number of remote sensing satellite data captured by them;