

date, ISRO has launched 40 satellites from 19 foreign countries; and the income generated through launch of these satellites is ₹ 50.47 million and US \$ 17.17 million.

(b) The future course of action plan includes, (i) expanding the data and direct reception services of Indian Remote Sensing Satellites to international clientele, (ii) enhancing leasing of satellite transponders to Indian customers, (iii) increasing launch services for foreign satellites on-board Indian launch vehicles, and (iv) enhancing marketing of satellites and sub-systems.

Database in respect of socially and economically backward section

1012. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has felt the need for database in respect of socially and economically backward section amongst the minority communities that exist in the country for successful implementation of various developmental plans thereby ensuring the optimum reach to the identified group, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(b) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to identify the socially and economically backward section amongst the minority communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI INDERJIT SINGH RAO): (a) Database at national level in respect of socially and economically backward section amongst the minority communities is not available in the country. However, a National Data Bank for Socio-Religious Categories with available reports from National Sample Surveys, Population Censuses etc. has been created in the Ministry's website (mospi.gov.in)

(b) At present, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has no such proposal.

Constitution of National Data Bank

1013. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is constituting the National Data Bank relating to socio-religious communities as recommended by the Rajinder Sachar Committee report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the detailed reasons therefor?