

The approved budget for realization of seven satellites with two ground spare satellites and the associated ground segment is ₹ 1420 crores. IRNSS satellites are launched in the orbit using India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, the cost of which is estimated to be ₹ 630 crores for 7 launches.

(c) The benefits of IRNSS include reliable positioning and navigational services within the country in the areas of civil aviation, high sea and inland waterway navigation, rail transport, offshore exploration, patrol services and fleet monitoring.

Interplanetary missions

1366. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to undertake any other interplanetary mission as it has recently undertaken to Mars planet; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) In the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has not envisaged any proposal to undertake any other interplanetary mission

(b) The scientific outcomes of the Mars Orbiter Mission are being studied in detail by analyzing the data being provided by the scientific instruments onboard Mars Orbiter. Based on the results of the analysis, the future directions for interplanetary mission need to be worked out and proposed in the next Five Year Plan.

Metro train in Gujarat

†1367. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating upon operating metro trains in some other cities of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating upon operating metro trains in the cities of Gujarat State as well; and

(c) if so, the names of the cities and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO BARAL) : (a) to (c) No Sir. However, Urban Transport is

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