

Undue benefit to DTH service provider

2520. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of CAG, undue benefits have been extended by Department of Space to DTH service provider Tata Sky by delaying in launch of satellites, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government would inquire into the extending undue benefits to Tata Sky and fix responsibility in this regard and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. As per the Report of the CAG of India No. 22 of 2014 (Compliance Audit) pertaining to management of satellite capacity for DTH service by Department of Space (DOS), CAG has referred to the delay in realisation of satellites for DTH services while commenting on inability to realise satellite with Ku band transponders during Eleventh Five Year Plan. The delay in realisation of satellite was not in relation to the M/s Tatasky contract.

(b) The CAG report has been tabled in Parliament and the Department of Space is preparing the Action Taken Note (ATN) for the same. Public Accounts Committee (PAC) called DOS for a witness examination on February 10, 2015 and referred the subject matter to sub-committee of PAC on infrastructure.

Purpose of Mangalyaan

2521. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of Mangalyaan, when was it sent to the space; and

(b) the returns uptill now and that we would achieve in future course?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM), popularly known as Mangalyaan is India's first interplanetary mission. The objectives of the Mars Orbiter Mission include:

- Realization of a Mars Orbiter spacecraft of 1350 kg mass.
- Launching of Mars Orbiter spacecraft by India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-XL.