

Postponed launch of IRNSS-ID

74. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has postponed the launch of IRNSS-ID scheduled for March 9, 2015, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the ISRO has rescheduled the launching of the said IRNSS-ID, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. During the integrated electrical checks of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C27) along with IRNSS-1D Satellite, after the closure of heat shield, an anomaly was observed in one of the telemetry transmitters of the Satellite on March 03, 2015. In order to resolve the technical anomaly through further tests, simulation and analysis, the launch of PSLV-C27 with IRNSS-1D was postponed.

(b) Yes, Sir. The launch of India's fourth Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1D onboard PSLV-C27 was rescheduled to 1719 hrs (IST) on March 28, 2015.

IRNSS-1D Satellite was successfully launched onboard PSLV-C27 at 1719 hrs (IST) on March 28, 2015 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. Subsequent orbit raising maneuvers have also been completed successfully. The In-orbit testing of IRNSS-1D is in progress.

Opportunity to conduct research on ISS

75. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been offered the opportunity by the United States to conduct research on the International Space Station (ISS), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether both the countries try to explore the possibility of utilisation of space assets for maritime domain awareness which would be a new dimension for India as it puts in place the elements of a blue water navy, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A few space agencies, who are partners of International Space Station (ISS) including National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of USA have informally invited Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to utilise ISS for study of Earth's environment and climate.

(b) No Sir.