

Launching of advanced and heaviest spacecraft

922. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GSAT-11, India's advanced and the heaviest communication spacecraft, would be launched early next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the same would be launched on the European Ariane Launch Vehicle;

(d) whether the High Throughput Satellite with its multi-spot beam coverage of the country would be far superior than the older generation three tonne INSAT/GSAT spacecrafts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The GSAT-11 with its lift-off mass of about 5600 Kg. is the heaviest communication spacecraft to be launched in the year 2017.

(c) Yes Sir. GSAT-11 is planned to be launched using Ariane-5 launch vehicle.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) GSAT-11 is a multi-beam satellite with 32 user beams and 8 hub beams operating over India in Ka/Ku bands employing frequency reuse technique. It will provide higher capacity for interactive applications using VSAT terminals compared to older generation three tonne INSAT/GSAT spacecrafts.

Construction of toilets under SBM

923. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements in construction of individual toilets so far at the National level under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the number of community and public toilets constructed under SBM and those functioning fully; and

(c) the number of districts declared as open defecation free, so far, in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) As on 30th January 2017, the number of individual household

toilets constructed at the national level is 29.83 lakhs.

(b) The number of community and public toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission(U) is 1.13 Lakhs.

(c) The number of ODF cities are 475 and number of ODF districts are 85.

New Housing Scheme of DDA

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

(a) whether it is fact that DDA is contemplating to start a new housing scheme;

(b) if so, whether the schemes launched earlier have been completed and residential units have been allotted to all; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that all Housing Schemes launched so far except the Housing Scheme-2014, have been concluded. Under the Housing Scheme-2014, nearly 12,269 flats have been cancelled/surrendered, out of total allotment of 25,040, which are being included/offered in the New Housing Scheme. Most of the allottees have not cited any reason for surrender but some of them have pointed out that the size and locality of the flats did not meet their requirements.

Projects implemented under UIDSSMT

925. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of six projects being implemented under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in Karnataka;

(b) since when these projects are being implemented and status thereof, project-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and spent thereon, project-wise;

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed, project-wise;

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