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Updation of topographical base maps

1701. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Survey of India (SOI) has taken up updation of topographical base maps of 1:25k/50k/ 250k using high resolution satellite imagery and also revision survey; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of updation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Survey of India has taken up updation of 1:50,000 scale (1:50K) maps by using high resolution satellite imagery and rapid verification survey on ground, rapid verification work was completed in year 2005. So far, 4792 maps, out of total of 5060 maps, have been updated. 1:250,000 scale (1:250K) maps are updated or compiled using 1:50K component sheets/maps. Out of total 390 maps, 170 maps have been updated. Survey of India has also taken up updation of 1:25K maps by using high resolution satellite imagery and rapid verification survey on ground, based on need only. Out of total 12581 maps, 195 maps have been updated. Presently, no revision survey is planned on these scales.

Percentage of GDP spent on science and technology

1702. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of GDP is being spent on science and technology in the country during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of private and State's share in these;

(c) why Government is not spending more on science and technology institutions when most of them feel starved of funds;

(d) the reason why private sector is not investing on research even when they have surplus funds; and

(e) whether this is a major drawback of our policy initiative?