

(c) The Indian Satellites launched in the 39th mission of PSLV on February 15, 2017 are: (i) Cartosat-2 Series Satellite (weighing 714 kg.) and (ii) two Indian Nano-Satellites viz., INS-1A and 1B (together weighing 18.1 kg.).

Setting up of launch site in Tamil Nadu

1725. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up a launch site in Kulasekharapattinam in Tuticorin district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As of now, the Government has no proposal to set up a new launch site.

(c) An Expert Committee was constituted to assess the need for a new launch site considering the capabilities of existing launch pads at Sriharikota, launch vehicles currently operational, launch vehicles under development and the future launch requirements for the next decade. The Committee concluded that there is no immediate requirement to establish new launching site in the country. Based on the programmatic requirements it could be considered at an appropriate time.

Launching of many Satellites in single mission

1726. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has created history by launching 104 satellites in a single mission;

(b) if so, the details of achievement of ISRO;

(c) how much amount has been earned by ISRO from foreign countries for launching their satellites during the last two years;

(d) whether ISRO and the Defence Research and Development Organisation have any future plans to generate more foreign money by providing scientific and technological support to foreign countries; and

(e) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully