

(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

launched 104 satellites, in a single launch, onboard India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle 'PSLV-C37' on February 15, 2017 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota. These satellites include-(i) India's Cartosat-2 Series Satellite (weighing 714 kg.) as primary payload, (ii) two Indian Nano-Satellites viz., INS-1A and 1B (together weighing 18.1 kg.) and (iii) 101 Foreign Nano-Satellites (together weighing 645.9 kg.) from six countries as co-passengers.

This was the 38th successful PSLV mission in a row, which has once again demonstrated the versatility and reliability of the PSLV vehicle. While PSLV has already established itself as a preferred launch vehicle, in its class, in the global satellite market, this mission is expected to further strengthen the commercial footprint of PSLV in the global market for launch services, especially for smaller satellites.

(c) During the last two years, Antrix Corporation Limited (Antrix), the commercial arm of ISRO, has earned a foreign exchange of 76.5 Million Euros and 4.5 Million USD from foreign countries through launching of their satellites on-board PSLV.

(d) and (e) As of now, the spare capacity available onboard PSLV, after meeting the national requirements, is provided for commercial launch services. ISRO will continue to make available the spare capacity available on its launch vehicles for commercial launch services through Antrix.

Recast of Twenty Point Programme

1727. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any move to recast Twenty Point Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the success of above programme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) the physical targets set and achieved under the above programme during that period, State-wise; and
- (e) when above programme was last revamped and what new parameters were added?

THE MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) No, Sir.