

tools, techniques, supporting a host of applications in the areas of land, ocean, atmosphere, environment, and eco-system, urban and rural development, education and health, including disaster risk reduction on space applications front.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Development of Reusable Launch Vehicles involves mastering of many cutting edge technologies, which require a series of technology demonstrator tests. ISRO has successfully carried out first flight test of RLV-TD (Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstrator) to validate few critical technologies such as autonomous navigation, guidance and control, thermal protection system and re-entry mission management.

Position of West Bengal in development index

1557. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal has secured good position in the Development Index; and

(b) if so, the position of the State in Development Index in comparison to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is not aware of such Development Index.

(b) Does not arise in view of the above.

Change in base year for calculation of GDP, etc.

1558. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to change the base year for calculation of GDP/GSDP, IIP etc. from 2011-12 to 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the benefit of changing this base year frequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a): Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) In the base revision exercise, new data sources and updated data in respect of existing sources, which reflect the structural changes in the economy,