

(b) Does not arise.

(c) ISRO has plans to involve start-ups in its own space programme in future.

(d) ISRO has plans to involve and engage start-ups for its space programme through nation's ARISE programme under the ATAL INNOVATION MISSION. In addition, ISRO is also establishing its own Space Technology Incubation Centres at various locations at academic institutes to promote start-ups and young entrepreneurs to contribute to the space programme.

#### **Launch of satellite made by students**

3764. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA) has planned to launch 75 satellites built by students marking 75th Anniversary of Independence of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the extent of ISRO's association with the venture;

(c) whether Indian students are far behind many countries in launching of satellites since only nine satellites have so far been launched whereas the number of satellites launched in other countries exceeds 3,500; and

(d) the approximate cost of satellites proposed to be launched and from where the funds are likely to be generated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Department of Space/ISRO does not have any information on the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) ISRO has already launched ten student satellites till date. ISRO is aggressively encouraging universities and colleges to build student satellites.

#### **Slow progress of works sanctioned under MPLADS**

3765. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is very slow progress in sanctioning and execution of MPLADS works in certain States;