

(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;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several district authorities are not submitting Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs) and Utilization Certificate to Government regularly due to which there is delay in releasing of MPLADS installments; and

(d) the details of pending installments of MPLADS funds of MPs of the last Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (RAO INDERJIT SING): (a) and (b) The implementation of the MPLADS in the field is undertaken by the District Authorities in accordance with the State Government's technical, administrative and financial rules. Out of the total 4,24,329 works recommended by Hon'ble MPs, 3,62,612 works have been sanctioned. Out of these 3,62,612 sanctioned works 2,61,481 have been completed till June, 2019.

(c) Delay is primarily caused due to delay in receipt of prescribed documents for release viz. Utilisation Certificate, Audit Certificate and Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs) from the Nodal District Authorities.

(d) Details of number of instalments of MPLADS released *vis-a-vis* number of entitled instalments are available on public domain *i.e.* www.mplads.gov.in.

Periodic labour force survey

3766. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quarterly employment survey data based on Periodic Labour Force Surveys conducted by Government;

(b) the number of rural and urban households surveyed for collection of data, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the survey is better in comparison to previous attempts of measuring employment;

(d) the definition of unemployed and employed persons used by Government for the survey;

(e) the details of technological interventions made by Government for conducting this survey; and