Web portal for monitoring of Government projects

2999. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a web portal to promote better planning and monitoring of Government projects recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;

(c) the amount of funds being allocated by Government for the said purpose;

(d) the details of challenges faced by Government during the said initiatives; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes Sir, a web based software has been developed in-house for monitoring of Launch Vehicle and Spacecraft related projects.

(b) The software provides status information of projects upto sub-system level. Aim is to monitor the projects and ensure that the projects are completed within stipulated schedule. The objective is to identify the criticalities, and take proactive action to mitigate any unexpected delay in the project.

(c) No separate amount was allocated for the web based software development. It was developed using available expertise within ISRO.

(d) Initial challenges were to identify activities, mapping the dependencies on external agencies (like fabricators etc.), integrating the schedule of sub-systems delivery from other ISRO Centres, on-boarding the users and change in the way of working. Now, it has stabilized to a large extent.

(e) A Dashboard prototype has been developed for high level monitoring.

Space programme of India *vis-a-vis* China

3000. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is lagging behind China in space research/programmes;

(b) if so, the details of the achievements made by China *vis-a-vis* India in space programmes; and

(c) the action plan proposed to further India's achievements in space research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Space activities for any country are governed by its own needs and priorities. These needs originate from various parameters, i.e. technical capability, scientific interest, economic status, geographical and climatic conditions etc. Therefore in absence of proper common platform for comparison, it is difficult to comment on leading and lagging country. While China has better achievements in certain areas, at the same time India too has performed far better in some other fields in line with its national priorities.

(c)   India is working on many futuristic projects in the field of Earth observation, Communications, Navigation, Space Science and Propulsion Systems to further its achievements in space research.

Innovative measures by Ministry

3001. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a)   whether any kind of new and innovative measures have been undertaken by the Ministry in general and/or its various departments or PSUs and autonomous bodies associated with it to improve work culture, bring more transparency and accountability and also enhance result orientation, during the last five years;

(b)   if so, the details thereof; and

(c)   what has been the impact of these efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICES AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has taken a number of steps to improve its efficiency and enhance reliability, transparency and accountability. Major initiatives in this regard include the following:

(i)   Leveraging IT tools for data collection processes and dissemination of data.

(ii)   Electronic dissemination of shareable data, reports, publications etc., free of charge.

(iii) Launch of the Seventh Economic Census and new surveys using technology.

(iv)   Improving the monitoring of the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) through a revamped portal.

The activities of the Ministry are continuously reviewed for improvement in its processes and products and its impact, spread over time, includes increased access to cost-free digital data to various users, reduction in time in data collection, transmission and processing.