

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2678

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

USE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES BY PRIVATE SECTOR

2678. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has decided to open up its space to the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received by various companies for using ISRO's infrastructure facilities;
- (c) quantum of revenue earned by the ISRO from launching satellites of various private and international agencies during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of steps taken or proposed by Government to develop ISRO's space business to earn more revenue, particularly from abroad?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &

PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) List of applications processed by IN-SPACe interim Committee for accessing ISRO facilities are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of applicant	Request from applicant
1.	Agnikul Cosmos Pvt, Chennai	Access to ISRO facilities for building, testing and launching small satellite launch vehicle subsystems.

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2.	Skyroot Aerospace Ltd, Hyderabad	Access to ISRO facilities for building, testing and launching small satellite launch vehicle subsystems.
3.	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)	Access to ISRO facilities for building, testing and launching small solid rockets.
4.	PIXXEL India, Bangalore	Access to ISRO facilities for testing of small satellite.
5.	UnitySAT	Access to ISRO facilities for testing of nano satellites
6.	Space Kidz India, Chennai	Access to ISRO facilities for testing of nano satellite
7.	MapmyIndia, New Delhi	Mutual sharing of geospatial data and services

- (c) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)/DOS through its commercial arms, has been launching several foreign satellites on-board Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) on a commercial basis. During the last three years from 2018 to 2020, a total of 110 foreign satellites have been launched. Net FE revenue earned through launching of these 110 foreign satellites amounts to 44 Million Euros and 3 Million USD
- (d) Towards developing ISRO's space business and the space commerce, M/s. NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a Government of India company, the commercial arm of DOS has been engaging with several foreign space agencies/ companies for launching their satellites into space, on a commercial basis, using Indian launch vehicles as well as providing mission support services using Indian ground stations and also looking into the option of building satellites.
