

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1412

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2021

INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN INDIA'S SPACE PROGRAMME

1412. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that private sector plays a key role in space technology globally;
- (b) Government's policy of involving private sector in India's space programme, the details thereof;
- (c) the investment of the private sector in space programmes during the last five years, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government would handed over some of the functions of ISRO to the private sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &

PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Union Cabinet of Government of India (GoI) has announced space reforms for "Unlocking the space potential of India". As part of space sector reforms, Government of India has created a national level autonomous nodal agency namely Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE) under Department of Space (DOS) for promoting, handholding, authorising and licencing private players to carry out Space Activities. To facilitate private sector participation

in Space activities, the existing policies in space domain has been revised and new policies are being drafted and processed. Department of Space is in the process of implementing space sector reforms announced by Government of India.

- (c) No data is available with the Department.
- (d) The space sector reforms were made with the intention to provide level playing field for private companies and enable them to carry out end-to-end space activities. Hence, private sectors will be enabled to carry out the functions being undertaken by DOS including building and launching satellites, launch vehicles, establishment and operation of ground infrastructure, space based services and applications. Further, it is to state that the responsibilities of ISRO are intact with focus on R&D activities, technology demonstration missions, mission of national importance, human space programme, Science & exploration missions & strategic missions realisation.
