

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1084**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 09, 2017

RECORD IN DEPLOYMENT OF SATELLITES IN ORBIT

1084. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether with ISRO deploying as many as 104 satellites in the orbit with a record breaking launch on February 15, 2017, the country has made a record of sorts, marking a huge leap from the Russian record of 37 satellites;
- (b) whether the historic launch of PSLV C37 has catapulted the country to global satellite market with immense commercial potential with its 714 kg cartosat carrying 96 American Nanosats as its piggyback load; and
- (c) whether the country is nearing its ultimate manned space mission?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)

The PSLV-C37 was the 38th successful PSLV mission in a row, which has once again demonstrated the versatility and reliability of the PSLV vehicle. While PSLV has already established itself as a preferred launch vehicle, in its class, in the global satellite market, this mission is expected to further strengthen the commercial footprint of PSLV in the global market for launch services, especially for smaller satellites.

- (c) No Sir. As of now, Manned Space Programme is not an approved programme. Currently, ISRO is working on a few critical technologies relevant for human spaceflight.
