

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1898

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

STATUS OF SECOND SPACE STATION AT THOOTHUKUDI IN TAMIL NADU

1898. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the second space station being built at Thoothukudi district in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has taken initiatives in incentivizing startups being developed in the space sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) With respect to second "Launch Site" at Thoothukudi, the land acquisition activities are still under progress by Government of Tamil Nadu and full extent of the land is yet to be handed over to Department of Space/ISRO.

(b) & (c)

Several initiatives have been taken by the Government for incentivizing start-ups being developed in the space sector. With the reforms announced in June 2020, an Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE) has been created which shall promote, handhold, authorize and monitor private sector activities in space domains. Besides, Department of Space (DoS) facilitates and expertise shall be extended to private entities to support their space activities. DoS is also in the process of bringing in forward-looking policies to create a stable regulatory environment.
