

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1901**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

**LAUNCH OF ISpA FOR BROADBAND SERVICES**

1901. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA), an industrial body consisting of various stakeholders including ISRO and private telecom companies to provide broadband services through satellite in every part of the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for improving satellite communication system in the country for providing broadband services in every part of the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &

PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)

ISpA is a voluntary association of Indian space industries which will articulate industry views on space sector reforms and help them in guiding the reform process so as to have a vibrant and thriving space industry in India.

- (c) At present, three Indian High Throughput Satellites with 25 Gbps capacity are operational for providing broadband connectivity under BharatNet programme to Gram Panchayats where adequate Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connectivity is not available. One more High Throughput Satellite is under realization. Government has opened up space sector for participation of the private players so that they can build, own and operate satellites to meet the growing demands for satellite capacity in the country

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