

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1862

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

LAUNCHING PRIVATELY DEVELOPED ROCKETS FROM SRIHARIKOTA

1862. DR. K. LAXMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to launch privately developed rockets from Sriharikota, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to expand ISRO activities on commercial lines to other countries also, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
& PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes, Sir. India's first privately developed rocket 'Vikram-S', by M/s. Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited, was launched on 18th November, 2022. This was a sub-orbital mission and achieved a height of ~90 Km thus validating the design of indigenously developed rocket.
- (b) Yes, Sir. Government has set up the NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) as a Central Public Sector Enterprise under Department of Space, and as the commercial arm of ISRO. NSIL offers services such as launch of customer satellites on-board ISRO's launch vehicles, satellite building, Mission Support Services, etc. on a commercial basis to other countries.
