

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 926

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

OPENING SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TO PRIVATE PLAYERS

926. Shri S. Kalyanasundaram:
Shri M Mohamed Abdulla

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open the space research and technology to private players;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has ascertained the security problems that are likely to arise in the future including privatisation and weaponization of space system; and
- (d) 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, with the announcement of the Indian Space Policy 2023, Private sector of India is encouraged to take up end to end space activities including research, innovation and technology development for long-term sustainability of space activities.
- (b) Department has taken initiatives for technology development by private sector such as

1. IN-SPACE seed fund scheme
2. EOI by ISRO for development of 100 technologies
3. Creation of Spacetech Innovation Network (SPIN)

(c) & (d)

Yes Sir, Standing Committee for Inter-Ministerial Coordination (SC-IMC) has been formed by IN-SPACE represented by DOS, MHA, MEA, DPIIT, DOT, MIB and authorization to NGEs for space activities are provided after critical review and scrutinization.
