GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1406

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

DEATHS OF SPACE SCIENTISTS

1406. DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGRAWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of space scientists who have died untimely or unusually in the country so far and whether any high-level inquiry has been conducted to know the reasons of their death, if so, the reports thereof; and
- (b) whether, keeping in view India's historic success in space science and the supremacy achieved in the international world and international threats, Government will set up a fact-finding committee to investigate the deaths of scientists under mysterious circumstances and ensure that scientists are not threatened again?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) No Sir, there have been no mysterious deaths untimely or unusually in the Department so far.
- (b) Does not arise.