

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 133

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DOMESTIC INVESTMENT IN SPACE STARTUPS

133. SHRI ANTHIYUR P. SELVARASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government encourages domestic investments in early-stage space startups to build a robust innovation ecosystem beyond sub-orbital milestones like Vikram-S;
- (b) If so, the details of Government's efforts to enhance launch infrastructure, testing facilities and connectivity for Research and Development (R&D) hubs supporting orbital rockets nationwide; and
- (c) The details of Government's strategic approach to harnessing Vikram-I for advancing satellite manufacturing, supply chain localization, cost reduction in launches, security enhancements via space technology and overall global competitiveness aligned with Atmanirbhar Bharat in space?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes.
- (b) & (c)

The Central Government has introduced several schemes and policy measures to promote innovation and encourage investments in space start-ups. Some of the prominent initiatives include:

1. Setting up of the New Launch Complex at Kulasekharapattinam, Tuticorin

2. Launch capacity enhancement through the establishment of a Third Launch Pad
3. Liberalised Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy in the space sector
4. IN-SPACe Pre-Incubation Programme
5. IN-SPACe Seed Fund Scheme
6. Technology Adoption Fund
7. ₹1,000 crore Venture Capital Fund for the space sector

In addition, the Government is actively encouraging State Governments to establish manufacturing clusters for critical space components and materials. These initiatives are expected to strengthen an efficient and cost-effective supply chain and enhance global competitiveness, in alignment with the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision for the space sector.
