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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1218

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

FUNDS FOR SPACE TECHNOLOGY

1218. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated by the Government for the development of space technology during the last three years;

(b) whether some amount has remained unspent during the last financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether more budget is required for space technology after the advent of revolution in the field of information technology; and

(e) if so, the percent-wise increase in the budget by the Government along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) The amount of funds allocated to Department of Space for the development of space technology during the last three years are given below:

(₹ in crore)

Financial Year	Budget Allocated
2013-14	5172.00
2014-15	5826.00
2015-16	6959.44

(b) & (c)

During last financial year, the Department of Space has utilized funds to the extent of 99.43% w.r.t. to RE allocations. The details of amount utilized and that has remained unspent during the last financial year is given below:

(₹ in crore)

Financial Year	Revised Estimates	Actuals	Amount unspent	% utilisation wrt RE
2015-16	6959.44	6920.00	39.44	99.43%

(d) & (e)

The requirement of funds for Space Technology is driven by the programmatic targets envisaged during coming years. It is proposed to increase the budget allocations in 2016-17 for Space Technology compared to RE allocation made during previous financial year.

The increased allocation is proposed to be utilized for meeting the programmatic targets such as supporting space based information technology connectivity in the country through first generation high throughput communication satellite like GSAT-11 operating in Ka/Ku band; development of Advanced Launch Vehicle Technology; high-resolution imaging system; Satellite Navigation System; and Space Science & Planetary Exploration.

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