GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.272

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

SATELLITE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- **272. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:**
 - Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether ISRO has given its facilities to launch satellites of foreign countries regularly;
- (b) if so, the details of the countries having used ISRO's facilities so far;
- (c) the total revenue earned through such launchings;
- (d) whether the Government is keen to provide ISRO's facilities on commercial basis to foreign countries; and
- (e) if so, 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) Yes Madam. Antrix corporation Limited (Antrix), the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has been regularly launching satellites of foreign countries from ISRO's launch facility named Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) located at Sriharikota.

- (b) As on date, 269 foreign satellites from 33 countries have been successfully launched using Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from ISRO's launch facility. The countries that utilized ISRO's launch facility for launching their satellites include Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Singapore, Turkey, UAE, UK and USA.
- (c) The total revenue earned through launching of these satellites from foreign countries amounts to approx. 22 Million USD and 179 Million Euros.

(d) & (e)

Yes Madam. In the coming years, ISRO through Antrix would continue to provide the launch facility for launching foreign satellites using its launch vehicles on commercial basis.
