

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1300

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN SPACE SECTOR

1300. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started allowing external agencies to use ISRO facilities across the globe and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government allows private sector in space industry; and**
- (c) if so, the details of the benefits of private sector participation in space industry?**

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Usage of dedicated ISRO facilities by Non-Government Entities engaged in space activities is being enabled through a single window agency – Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre [IN-SPACe]. Recent facilities used by external agencies include the Sounding Rocket Launch Complex at SHAR by**

M/s. Skyroot for its mission PRARAMBH and the Vertical Test Facility at Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS), Thiruvananthapuram by M/s. Agnikul Cosmos Pvt. Ltd. for hot testing of its engine – Agnilet.

(b) & (c)

Yes, Sir. Government envisages enhanced participation of private sector in conducting end-to-end activities in the space sector. Participation of private sector including academic institutions, start-ups and industries in end-to-end space activities is expected to expand the national space economy, generate more employment opportunities and create a thriving space ecosystem.
