GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1305 TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

PRIVATE PLAYERS IN SPACE RESEARCH

1305. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open the space research and technology to private players;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has ascertained the security problems that are likely to be arise in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b)

Yes, Sir. Government has already taken several steps towards enhancing end-to-end participation of private players in space research and technology, with far-reaching reforms in space sector brought forth in 2020. In this regard, a single window agency –

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre [IN-SPACe], has been created to promote, handhold and authorize space activities by private players. Sharing of technical facilities and technological support from ISRO is also enabled through IN-SPACe.

(c) & (d)

IN-SPACe has been mandated to grant authorization for space activities, keeping in mind safety and security considerations.
