GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 163 TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2022

DEVELOPING NAVIGATION SYSTEM

163. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government proposes to develop the Country's own navigation system;
- b) if so, the details alongwith the salient features and its coverage thereof;
- c) if not, the reasons and the time likely to be taken to develop the same; and
- d) the details of time bound action plan of phasing out third party navigation system in all spheres of usage in the Country?

ANSWER

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

(a) ISRO/DOS has established the country's own navigation system named NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation).

- (b) NavIC is an independent regional navigation system covering Indian landmass and 1500 km from Indian boundaries. The system is designed as a constellation of seven satellites in GEO/GSO orbits. The signals broadcast by these satellites are available free-to-air for civilian use.
- (c) Does not arise. The satellite constellation was established during 2013 to 2018 and the system is functional since then.
- (d) The utilization of third party navigation system in the country is not controlled by ISRO/DOS. ISRO is putting efforts to popularise use of NaviC in more and more devices along with other systems.
