CONSTRUCTION OF SPACE LAUNCH CENTRE

2476. SHRIMATI KANIMÖZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Kulasekarapattinam Space launch centre which is being constructed in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the current status of land acquisition for the project;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released for the construction of Space centre infrastructure;

(d) whether any expected timeframe is available for the space centre to be completed and made functional; and

(e) 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):

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(a) & (b)

Land acquisition is under progress by Government of Tamil Nadu. Till date, acquisition of land to an extent of 1946.44 acres (out of
2376 acres) is completed by Government of Tamil Nadu and the same is taken over by Department of Space. The remaining land is in advance stage of acquisition.

(c) A total of Rs. 980.56 Cr. has been sanctioned for the ‘Acquisition of Land and establishment of space Launch centre infrastructure at Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu’.

Till date, an amount of Rs. 210.20 Cr. has been remitted to Government of Tamil Nadu towards land acquisition. Only on completion of entire land acquisition, the construction activities will be initiated.

(d) & (e)
Generally, realization of such space launch centre infrastructure would take about 2 to 3 year time to become functional after the land acquisition and obtaining all statutory clearances.

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