

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 942  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2023  
DRAFT NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL POLICY**

**942. DR. T. SUMATHY (A) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:**

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the current status of the draft National Geospatial Policy 2021;**
- (b) the nature of support being provided to the private sector for the promotion of India's space sector by the Government;**
- (c) the total number of private companies engaged with ISRO to use the Government facilities for R&D and testing;**
- (d) the details of the authority under which the 'Guidelines for Acquiring and Producing Geospatial Data and Geospatial Data Services including Maps' have been issued; and**
- (e) the details of the safeguards the Government has put in place to prevent possible satellite surveillance as a consequence of liberalizing access to geospatial data to internationally headquartered mapping agencies?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF  
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

**विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)**

- (a) After approval of the Union Cabinet on 16.12.2022, the National Geospatial Policy, 2022 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 28.12.2022 for implementation with immediate effect.**

**(b) With the unlocking of the space sector for the private sector by the Government, following support activities are provided to the private sector :-**

- I. Providing mentorship as well as ISRO facility utilization support.**
- II. Technology Transfer to NGEs.**
- III. IN-SPACE Seed fund support to startups to transform novel idea into a prototype development.**
- IV. IN-SPACE differential pricing policy for NGEs for utilization of ISRO's facility.**
- V. Creation of IN-SPACE digital platform to connect all the stakeholders of space eco system.**
- VI. Established IN-SPACE Design Lab, where startups can use high end simulation software for design and analysis of critical space systems/subsystems.**

**(c) The total number of NGEs who have submitted application to IN-SPACE seeking support from ISRO for R&D and testing is 182 as of now.**

**(d) The Government of India [Minister of State (Independent charge) for Science and Technology] is the authority under which the 'Guidelines for Acquiring and Producing Geospatial Data and Geospatial Data Services including Maps' dated 15.02.2021 have been issued.**

**(e) Observation from Space does not follow any country's boundary. Due to global coverage of remote sensing satellites, the observations from foreign satellites cannot be governed. Through the Indian Space Policy 2023, Satellites registered in India as well as dissemination of data within the country are monitored for its end use.**

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