4071. **MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working in collaboration with other countries to launch their satellites in space and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote other countries to work in collaboration with India in launching their satellites and if so, the details thereof;

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

(a) Yes Sir. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) through NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a Govt. of India company under Department of Space (DOS), has been engaged with international space agencies/companies for launching their satellites into space, on a commercial basis, using India’s Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

(b) Yes Sir. Over the years, steps taken towards launching of satellites of other countries from India using Indian launch
vehicle, has enabled greater participation and involvement of several countries in availing such launch opportunities.

Since 1999, India’s Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle has been involved in launching satellites of other countries into space from its spaceport located at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.

As on date, a total of 319 foreign satellites of 33 countries have been successfully launched on-board PSLV. In the coming months, many more satellites of other countries will be launched into space from India.

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