

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1710
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

ROCKET LAUNCHING PORT

1710. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of setting up of our country's second space rocket launching port by ISRO in Kulasekarapattinam, located in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) the details of number of launch pads that are being proposed at the said space port; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase India's share in the global space sector market size keeping in view the policy decision by the Union in opening up the space sector to the private sector?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) As per the request of Department of Space, Government of Tamil Nadu has identified 961.66.90 hectares in Thoothukudi district. Land survey is completed for 431.87.74 hectares and preliminary notification has been issued. Survey work for balance area is in advance stage.**

- (b) At present, one Launch Pad is being proposed at the second launch port at Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu.**
- (c) Center's policy decision of opening up of space sector for private players enables them to develop various space qualified subsystems and systems along with building of satellites and launch vehicles. They are also permitted to establish facilities and provide launch services and other space based services. Many of these services and products will definitely find global customers, which will increase India's share in the global space sector market.**
