

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1542

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

FUND ALLOCATION TO ISRO

1542. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for developing capacity for launching of satellites;**
- (b) whether any revenue has been earned by ISRO by launching satellites of other countries and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government plans to encourage ISRO as a Commercial Satellites Launch Enterprise so that it could be financially self-reliant;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (f) whether the Government has formulated any policy to seek cooperation of foreign countries to develop capacity for launching satellites;**
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) The amount allocated to ISRO for developing capacity for launching of satellites is Rs. 900 Cr for F.Y. 2020-21.

(b) Department of Space has been involved in launching satellites of foreign countries since long. Total number of satellites launched till date is 328 from 33 different countries and the revenue earned till date is 25 M USD and 189 M Euros.

(c), (d) & (e)

Government of India has established NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a PSU under Department of Space to commercially launch satellites and become financially self-reliant.

(f), (g) & (h)

ISRO is striving towards achieving Atmanirbharta in the field of capacity development in launching satellites; therefore, no policy is envisaged for seeking foreign cooperation in this direction.
