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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2627**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021**

**SPACE ASSETS**

**2627. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:**

**Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the number of space assets (satellites, earth stations, etc.);**
- (b) whether there is any plan to increase the budget to be spent on Department of Space in the upcoming Budget as compared to the previous years; and**
- (c) 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) To meet the growing demands of the usage of the Space Technologies and their applications for National Development (Societal, Government, Commercial and Strategic) using Communication, Earth Observation, Navigational and Space Sciences, ISRO has created Expert Committees consisting of**

**members from ISRO, IMD, NCOAR, I &B, BSNL, DOT and user representatives to address and assess the demand for the satellites for the next generation. Based on the recommendations of the expert committee future satellite projects are conceived.**

**(b) Yes, Sir.**

**(c) It is proposed to enhance the Budget Estimates 2021-22 of Department of Space to Rs. 13,949.09 Crore, as against the allocation of Rs. 9500 Crore in RE 2020-21. The budgetary allocations for Indian Space programme shall be utilised towards meeting the future challenges and space preparedness.**

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