

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4645

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

SPACE POLICY

4645. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is having any proposal to modify the space policy by allowing foreign companies to make satellites and also allowing foreign companies to have space in setting up of facilities;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government regarding national security of our country in allowing foreign companies in sensitive matters;**
- (d) whether the Government will allow use of launch vehicles and setup ground stations for foreign companies and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the manner in which the national security will be safeguarded when the country is facing external aggression from neighboring countries?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &

PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b)

The establishment and operations in satellite segment is governed by the extant provisions of the current FDI policy which permits 100% FDI through the government route subject to sectoral guidelines of DOS.

Government is in the process of revising the existing space policies and new policies are also underway. Sectoral guidelines are being formulated for attracting foreign investments in space supplies and services for the inflow of technology and investment to India.

(c) Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) created as an independent nodal agency under Department of Space will be carrying out its functions for authorising, monitoring and regulating private sector activities in India.

National security will be protected while providing authorisation and licensing permissions.

(d) Yes. Government provides launch services to foreign customer satellites through its CPSEs. Setting up of ground stations is governed in accordance with the existing sectoral guidelines of the Government of India.

(e) National space infrastructure and ground infrastructure are well protected in case the country is facing external aggression from neighboring countries.
