

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4453

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES OF ISRO

4453. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has decided to open up its space to the private sector;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received from various companies for using ISRO's infrastructure facilities;**
- (c) the quantum of revenue earned by ISRO from launching satellites of various private and international agencies during the last three years; and**
- (d) the steps taken or proposed by the Government to develop ISRO's space business to earn more revenue, particularly from abroad?**

ANSWER

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

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes Sir. The Government has opened up the space sector for private players with the announcement of space sector reforms and formation of IN-SPACE, an independent body**

- under Department of Space which will regulate and promote private sector activities.
- (b) There are 48 applications received to IN-SPACe for undertaking space activities and their applications are being processed for further action. Out of these, the applications with respect to authorizing the space activities to NGPEs are 16 and sharing of technology and facilities of DoS to NGPEs are 23 and Consultancy & Promotion are 9. All the proposals of NGPEs are at different stage of approvals.
- (c) NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a CPSE under Department of Space has earned a Foreign Exchange revenue of approx. 35 Million USD and 10 Million Euros during last three years 2019-2021, through launching of satellites of various private and international agencies.
- (d) NSIL has already launched 45 international customer satellites on-board ISRO's PSLV during the last three years and has secured 4 Dedicated Launch service contracts for foreign satellite customers. With the emergence of Global Broadband communication needs, NSIL envisages launches of several of these foreign satellites on-board ISRO's SSLV, PSLV and GSLV-MkIII. NSIL through participation in various international conferences and exhibitions is ensuring better foot print of ISRO's expertise in building earth observation and communications satellites, providing launch and mission support services including establishment of ground segments for foreign customers to ensure enhanced Foreign Exchange revenue earnings for the country.
