

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1919**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

**SPACE START-UPS IN INDIA**

**1919. DR. MANNA LAL RAWAT:**

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

- (a) the total number of Space startups currently operational in the country;**
- (b) the number of Space startups that were functional in the country prior to the year 2014 along with the details of new Space startups launched after the year 2014, year-wise including names of the prominent space start-ups;**
- (c) the year and the details of the schemes, policies and institutional frameworks implemented by the Government to encourage and provide support to these Space startups;**
- (d) the primary focus areas of the Government under the aforementioned schemes/policies, such as launch services,**

**satellite manufacturing, Earth observation, communication, navigation or other emerging sector; and**

**(e) the details of the achievements attained through these initiatives so far?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

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**(a) & (b)**

**The number of registered Space Start-ups have gone up from just 1 in 2014 to more than 400 as on date. After announcement of Startup India Initiative in 2016, with a goal of fostering innovation and building a robust startup ecosystem in the country by providing support, funding and easier regulatory frameworks, there is a magnificent growth in startups related to space domain also. Prominent space startups grown in the country after 2014 are M/s. Pixxel, M/s. Dhruva, M/s. Skyroot Aerospace, M/s. Agnikul Cosmos, M/s. Bellatrix Aerospace etc.**

**(c) Year wise details of the schemes, policies and institutional frameworks implemented by the Government to encourage and provide support to space start-ups is as under:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Scheme /policy</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Indian Space Policy</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Liberated FDI Policy</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Norms, Guidelines and Procedures for Authorization</b>	<b>2024</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>IN-SPACE Seed Fund Scheme</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>IN-SPACE Pre-incubation Entrepreneurship (PIE) Program</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Establishment of Rs.1000 Cr Venture Capital Fund</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Establishment of Rs. 500 Crores Technology Adoption Fund (TAF)</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Technology Transfer of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) to HAL</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Establishment of Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation on PPP model</b>	<b>2026</b>

- (d) The Government is committed towards the self-reliance in the all the domain of Space Technology, i.e., Up, Down and Mid-stream.**
- (e) The achievements attained are clearly evident, with a significant increase in private sector participation in space domain. However, following are the major achievements attained so far:**
- i. The number of space start-ups reached to more than 400.**
  - ii. The investment in space start-ups crossed more than USD 500 million.**
  - iii. Two private sector companies tested and flown their launch vehicles at sub orbital orbit in November 2022 and May 2024.**

- iv. A total of 25 payloads flown/going to fly on PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM) which helps NGE's test and prove the space flightworthiness of their payloads.**
- v. A total of 6 Indian Non-Governmental Entities (NGEs) has launched 18 satellites in orbit.**
- vi. Awarding of the establishment of Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation on PPP model, will spur innovation and improve global confidence of our Indian space tech companies.**
- vii. Higher throughput of launch vehicles with the technology transfer of SSLV**
- viii. 25 number of companies already testing their satellites /subsystems in the real environment of space by taking advantage of platforms like POEM**
- ix. State government seeing space as a sunrise sector and making proactive policies to encourage companies in this domain through incentive schemes.**
- x. Indian space companies slowly beginning to embed in global aerospace and space supply chains.**

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