

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 633**

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 02, 2015

LAUNCH OF ASTROSAT

633. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched Astrosat as its first astronomical mission;**
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives including the cost incurred thereon;**
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from other countries for launch of such satellites; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

- a) Yes Madam. Astrosat is the first dedicated Indian astronomy mission launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).**
- b) Astrosat was launched successfully onboard Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C30 on 28th September 2015 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The objectives of the mission**

are to study the stars and galaxies in Ultraviolet, optical and X-ray wavelength bands to enhance our understanding of the universe. The sanctioned cost of Astrosat is ₹ 177.85 crores and the cost incurred upto end March 2015 is ₹ 172.68 crores (provisional).

- c) No Madam. The Government has not received any requests from other countries for the launch of such Astrosat type of satellites.**
- d) Does not arise.**

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