

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN SPY SATELLITES IN INDIAN SPACE
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foreign spy-satellites are intruding our sky-limit;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details of the foreign spy-satellites detected in our space during the last three years; and
- (c) the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. However, foreign satellites do orbit in international space territory and collect information on all parts of the earth including India.
- (c) International law does not provide for preventing satellites from orbiting and collecting information over any territory.