

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1064  
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LAUNCHING OF COMMUNICATION SATELLITES  
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has decided to launch various communication satellites into the geostationary orbit;
- (b) if so, the time by which these communication satellites will be launched;
- (c) the total cost of each of these communication satellites; and
- (d) the extent to which these satellites will be helpful in improving the communications?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Government have currently approved launching of five Communication Satellites viz., INSAT-4C, INSAT-4B, GSAT-4, INSAT-4D/GSAT-5 and INSAT-4E/GSAT-6.

(b)&(c)

Satellite    Satellite Cost    Schedule  
(Rupees in crores)

INSAT-4C	95.75	2006-07
INSAT-4B	201.75	2006-07
GSAT-4	99.00	2006-07
INSAT-4D/GSAT-5	123.75	2007-08
INSAT-4E/GSAT-6	269.00	2008-09

(d) These satellites will enhance the communication infrastructure in the country in the areas of TV broadcasting including direct - to - home services and multi-media video broadcast, tele-communications and developmental communications.