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BUILDING OF COMMUNICATION SATELLITES BY ISRO
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ISRO is likely to get orders to build two more communication satellites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ISRO has also entered into a joint venture that would pave the way for it to capture a major share in the global market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) ISRO through its commercial arm, Antrix Corporation, has obtained orders to build two communication satellites for European customers.

(c)&(d) Antrix Corporation has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with EADS Astrium, which is a leading global satellite manufacturer based in Europe to jointly manufacture and offer to global markets communication satellites based on the proven INSAT satellite platforms. The global demand in this class ranges from 1 to 2 satellites per year and the above alliance positions well for competing for a significant share in this segment.