

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1202  
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AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL SPACE AGENCY  
Singh Shri Prabhunath

**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has signed any agreement with the Israel Space Agency (ISA) regarding launching of satellites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ISA intends to use GSAT-4 satellite for their space research; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) ANTRIX Corporation Ltd., of Department of Space has signed a commercial contract for launching a satellite.
- (b) The satellite weighs 300 kg and is to be launched into low earth orbit.
- (c)&(d) GSAT-4 satellite will carry an ultraviolet telescope imager supplied by ISA for astronomical observations. The data will be shared by the scientific community of India and Israel.