

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SPACE  
LOK SABHA**

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Pricing Policy of Satellites

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

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has given any proposal for pricing of satellite transponders for public and non- government users;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of INSAT/GSAT satellites that are present and the number of government and non-government users;
- (d) whether ISRO shall be permitted to multi pricing policy for its transponders depending upon their status;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the number of DTH users who are using foreign satellites and the steps taken by the Government to encourage them to use ISRO's satellites?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) Yes Madam. A proposal for continuing the existing method of transponder pricing which is based on type of services, band of operations, coverage area, power level is under consideration.
- (c) There are 13 INSAT/GSAT satellites in orbit, out of which 11 are communication satellites and 2 are meteorological satellites. In INSAT/GSAT communication satellite systems, there are about 37 Government users and about 49 non-government users.
- (d)&(e) The transponder characteristics in terms of power, coverage, frequency band, etc., vary according to the type of service which requires differential pricing.
- (f) There are 5 DTH service providers using transponder capacity leased from foreign satellites. Measures are taken by ISRO to augment satellite capacity in Indian Government administered system so that the DTH users shall have the option to migrate to INSAT system.

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