

Fourteenth Loksabha

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**Participants : Chatterjee Shri Somnath,Chavan Shri Prithviraj**

Title: Statement regarding the successful launch of the INSAT - 4B satellite on 12.03.2007 from Kourou, French Guyana.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 11A.- Shri Prithviraj Chavan. It is a very happy occasion. It is a very important statement. Please listen to him.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am happy to inform this august House that India's newest satellite, INSAT-4B, was successfully launched early this morning (March 12, 2007) by the European Ariane-5 launch vehicle from Kourou, French Guyana. ... (*Interruptions*) The 3,025 kg. INSAT-4B, carrying 12 high-power Ku-band transponders and 12 C-band transponders, will augment INSAT capacity for Direct-to-Home television and other communications and TV services.

The Master Control Facility at Hassan in Karnataka acquired the signals from INSAT-4B soon after it entered into orbit and initial checks have indicated normal health of the satellite. The ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command (ISTRAC) Network Station at Biak in Indonesia and INMARSAT Ground Stations are also supporting the initial phase operations of the satellite. INSAT-4B is being manoeuvred into its final geostationary orbit, about 36,000 km. above the equator. INSAT-4B will be commissioned into service in about a month's time after in-orbit tests.

I request hon. Members to join me in congratulating Chairman, ISRO and all members of the ISRO team and wishing them success.

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MR. SPEAKER: I hope the hon. Members will also join me, not only you, in congratulating our great scientists for their wonderful service to the nation. We are proud of them. Please convey the appreciation of

the House, good wishes and greetings. Thank you very much.

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MR. SPEAKER: Shri Kuppusami, please wait.

... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I will come to you.

श्री संतो गंगवार (बरेली): अध्यक्ष महोदय, देश भर की बैंकों के हजारों की तादाद में कर्मचारी अपनी मांगों को मनवाने के लिए धरना दे रहे हैं और प्रदर्शन कर रहे हैं। ... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : ठीक है। आप बैठिए।