GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

MONITORING OF NATURAL RESOURCES

5. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for use of satellite and space science for monitoring of internal security and natural resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also received proposal for the formation of space security team in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

a) & b)

No proposal has been received by ISRO/DOS for use of satellite for monitoring of internal security. However, satellite data is being used by ISRO/ DOS and various stakeholder Ministries and Departments for mapping and monitoring of natural resources in the areas of agriculture, land & water resources, bio and oceanic resources. Some of the major national projects include - land use and land cover mapping, agricultural and horticultural inventory, wasteland inventory, watershed development, mapping of surface and ground water resources, snow and glacier inventory, forest cover and biodiversity mapping, command areas development, mapping of mangroves and coral reefs, potential fishing zone forecasting and inland aquaculture.

- c) ISRO/DOS has also not received any proposal for the formation of space security team.
- d) Does not arise.

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