

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 114

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013

LAUNCHING OF GSLV D5

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the launch of geo-stationery satellite, Geo Synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle D-5 has been called off for indefinite period, and;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the loss likely to be borne by the country due to this, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY):

- (a) The launch of the Geo-stationary Satellite GSAT-14 on board Geo-Synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle GSLV-D5 slated for launch on August 19, 2013 was called off during the last lap of the countdown. After refurbishment, the assembly of the vehicle is in progress. The launch is scheduled for January 2014.
- (b) Launch was called off due to leakage observed in the fuel tank of the second stage. The timely detection of leakage and immediate actions taken have avoided any risk and minimized the loss. With regard to the loss, this incident has resulted in a delay of about 5 months in the launch of GSLV-D5. The cost of the fuel tank which leaked and cannot be reused is ` 2.5 Crores.
