

The Hindu Explains: What is the Space Activities Bill, 2017?

The Space Activities Bill is up on the ISRO website, with an invitation for comments from stakeholders. | Photo Credit: [PTI](#)

A Bill pending before the Parliament is to encourage both the public and private sectors to participate in the space programme.

It is a proposed Bill to promote and regulate the space activities of India. The new Bill encourages the participation of non-governmental/private sector agencies in space activities in India under the guidance and authorisation of the government through the Department of Space.

According to the draft, as few start-up companies in India have shown interest in space systems activities and as space activities need participation from private sector agencies, "there is an urgent need for a legal environment for orderly performance and growth of space sector."

The draft was posted on the website of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on November 21, 2017.

The Bill seeks comments on the draft from stakeholders and the public. ISRO has given a month's time to read the 20-page draft and send comments.

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