

Space Activities Bill, 2017

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The Government has invited suggestions from the public or stakeholders regarding the draft Space Activities Bill, 2017.

- The objective of the Space Bill is **to facilitate the overall growth of the space activities in India** with higher order of participation of public/ non-governmental/ private sector stakeholders.
- The Bill **provides for establishment of a regulatory mechanism** through an appropriate body, by the Central Government for the purpose of authorization and licensing of space activities.
- The **provision on liability for damages** caused by space activities of licensee, provides for a risk sharing mechanism, by which the central Government may determine the quantum of liability to be borne by the licensee.
- The provisions of the Bill are **applicable to all Indian citizens and to those sectors which are engaged in space activity** either inside or outside the country.
- It provides for the grant of non-transferable licence to those people engaged in commercial space activity.
- It provides for the **appropriate mechanisms for licensing, eligibility criteria, and fee for licence.**
- It will provide for the **maintenance of a register for all space objects** by the union government. Space objects here are those objects launched or likely to be launched around the earth.
- The new Bill provide for **professional and technical support** for carrying out commercial space activity.
- The provisions in the Bill will **ensure safety requirements** and supervise every space activity in India. The Bill contains provisions for the **investigation of accidents** in connection with the operation of a space activity.

- The Bill has provisions for sharing of details about the pricing of products created by space activity & technology with any person/agency in a prescribed manner.