# Section A

Principles of Satellite Communication

#### Evolution and growth of communication

1945 Arthur C. Clarke(writer)
SPUTNIK I RUSSIA
SCORE USA (1958) EXPLORER SATELLITE

Arthur	C. Clarke publishes an essay about "Extra
	Terrestrial Relays"
1957	first satellite SPUTNIK
1960	first reflecting communication satellite ECHO
1963	first geostationary satellite SYNCOM
1965	first commercial Geostationary Satellite "Early Bird"
	(INTELSAT I): 240 duplex telephone channels or 1 TV
	channel, 1.5 years lifetime
1976	three MARISAT satellites for maritime communication
1982	first mobile satellite telephone system INMARSAT-A
1988	first satellite system for mobile phones and data
	communication INMARSAT-C
1993	first digital satellite telephone system
1998	global satellite systems for small mobile phones

### Important Milestones (1960's)

#### First satellite communications

- 1960 First passive communication satellite launched into space (Large balloons, <a href="Echo I">Echo I</a> and <a href="Echo I">II</a>).
- 1962: First non-government active communication satellite launched <u>Telstar I (MEO)</u>.
- 1963: First satellite launched into geostationary orbit Syncom 1 (comms. failed).
- 1964: International Telecomm. Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) created.
- 1965 First communications satellite launched into geostationary orbit for commercial use Early Bird (re-named INTELSAT 1).

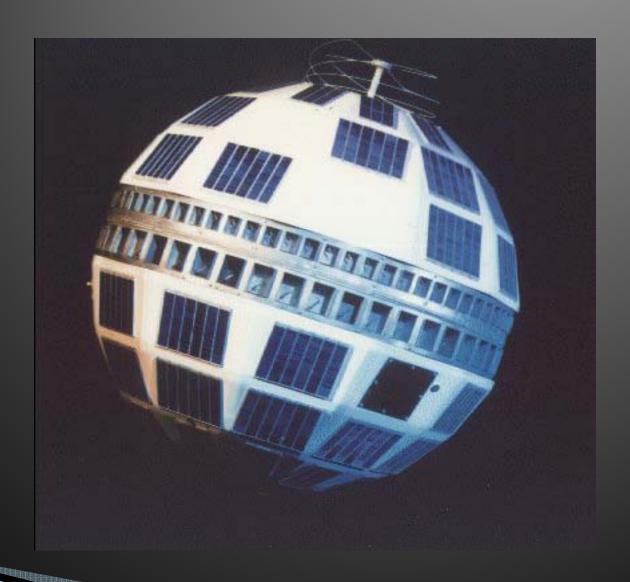
- 1972 First domestic satellite system operational (Canada). INTERSPUTNIK founded.
- 1975 First successful direct broadcast experiment (one year duration; USA-India).
- 1977 A plan for direct-to-home satellite broadcasting assigned by the ITU in regions 1 and 3 (most of the world except the Americas).
- 1979 International Mobile Satellite Organization (Inmarsat) established.

#### ECHO I

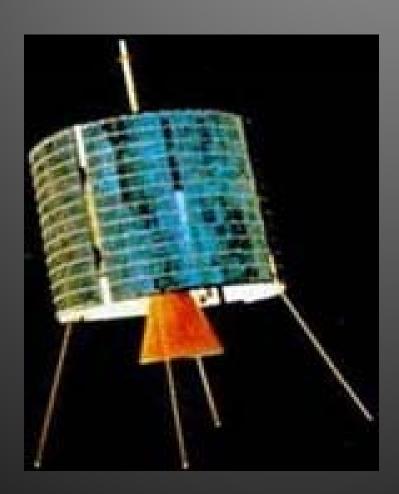
100 FT IN
DIAMETER
(PASSIVE
REFELECTOR)



#### Telstar I



## Intelsat I



#### SYNCHRONOUS SATELLITE

- GEO STATIONARY SATELLITE
- 24 hours
- 36000 km
- Advantage:-
- a)Sufficiently small values of orbital eccentricity and inclination to the equator that changes in its apparent direction relative to the rotating earth
- b)Well above the high intensity inner radiation belt
- Above the most intense region considerably Milder outer belt
- c)fix antenna positions, no adjusting necessary

## Assignment – 1

- What do you under stand by satellite communication?
- What are active satellites?
- What are passive satellites?
- Brief discussion on evolution of satellites.