

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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PAY CHANNELS OPTION TO VIEWERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would consider making its channels as pay channels giving the option to viewers to stay out if not interested; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Government has no channels of its own. As far as Prasar Bharati is concerned, it is a statutory autonomous corporation and has autonomy in programme matters.

(b): Does not arise.