

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

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CHANNELS THROUGH DTH
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati Corporation's plan to launch DTH has been cleared by the Department of space as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated July 23, 2003;
- (b) if so, whether the Government now propose to telecast all the channels through DTH to check interferences of cable operators etc; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the further reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Doordarshan have formulated a scheme to provide T.V. coverage through satellite transmission in Ku-band. Under the scheme it would be possible for the viewers to receive the signals directly from satellite, with the help of a small dish antenna and set top box along with T.V. receiver. The scheme of `Ku-band` transmission is yet to be approved by the competent authority. Department of Space have informed Doordarshan that they would be able to provide the required number of Ku-band transponders for the above service.