

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:568  
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DTH SERVICES  
PRABODH PANDA

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

- (a) whether the Doordarshan has decided to start DTH services from December this year;
- (b) if so, the number of channels likely to be launched;
- (c) whether Doordarshan has asked the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to reserve a transponder for starting DTH Services;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the expenditure involved in this project ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Doordarshan's pilot project of 'Ku-Band transmission' has been approved by the Government. The transmission of thirty free to air channels is expected to commence by the middle of 2004.
- (c) & (d): Doordarshan has requested Indian Space Research Organization to provide four Ku-Band transponders.
- (e): The Ku-Band transmission project has been approved at a cost of Rs.164.35 crores.