

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPACT OF CAS ON OLD T.V. SETS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether with the introduction of Conditional Access System (CAS), the viewers with older TV sets having a range of about 39 channels or so, would be put to great disadvantage and would be required to spend more to get their sets updated;
- (b) if so, the details of the disadvantages to be faced or suffered by old TV set viewers;
- (c) the percentage of viewers covered so far by CAS and those, who have opted for Set Top Box (STB);
- (d) whether introduction of CAS in other States has been kept in abeyance till the next General Elections; and;
- (e) if so, the justification thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Set Top Boxes are supplied to the consumers by the Multi System Operators/cable operators. As per the information received from Chennai, where C.A.S. has been implemented, approximately 12,000 Set Top Boxes (STBs) are reported to have been sold out/hired out to customers out of a total of about ten lakh cable T.V. subscribers. These figures are, however, provisional.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.