

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:481
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2003
UPLINKING PERMISSION TO FOREIGN CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have permitted foreign broadcasters to uplink TV Channels from India;
- (b) the names of the companies which have been granted such permission and the channels operated by them with the type of then context of each channel;
- (c) whether there are reports of some companies bypassing the procedures and guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): As on date, the Government has permitted 39 companies to uplink 104 channels from India, which carry either news and/or current affairs contents or entertainment contents. Out of these 39 companies, 12 have varying component of foreign equity. A list of such companies/channels is at Annexure.

(c) and (d): The permission to uplink TV channels is given, after ensuring compliance of all eligibility criteria, including foreign investment norms.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 481 FC ANSWER ON 04.12.2003.

List of Permitted TV channels having News and current affairs programs

Name of Company Channel name share holding

Indian Foreign

ASIANET COMMUNICATIONS LTD	ASIANET GLOBAL (DIGITAL)	100	0
ASIANET COMMUNICATIONS LTD	ASIANET (ANALOG) MALAYALAM	100	0
ASSOCIATED BROADCASTING C.P.L.	TV9	100	0
BROADCAST WORDWIDE LTD	TARA BANGLA	93.03	6.97
INDEPENDENT NEWS SERVICE P L	INDIA TV	100	0
INDIAVISION SATELLITE COMM. LTD	INDIAVISION	100	0
JAIN STUDIOS LTD	JAIN TV	77.95	22.05
JEEVAN TELECASTING CORP LTD	JEEVAN TV	87.52	12.48
MAA TV N/W LTD	MAA TV	100	0
MALAYALAM COMMUNICATIONS LTD	KAIRALI	100	0
MAVIS SATCOM PVT LTD	JAYA TV	100	0
NEW DELHI TV LTD	NDTV	83.53	16.47
NEW DELHI TV LTD	NDTV INDIA	83.53	16.47
RAJ TV NETWORK LTD	RAJ TV	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA SAMAY UP	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA SAMAY NATIONAL &	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA SAMAY BIHAR	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA SAMAY MUMBAI	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA SAMAY RAJASTHAN	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA SAMAY NCR	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA SAMAY MP	100	0
SKY (B) BANGLA PVT LTD	AKASH B	100	0
STV ENTERPRISES LTD	PUNJAB TODAY	100	0
SUN TV LTD	SURYA TV	100	0
SUN TV LTD	SURYA NEWS	100	0

SUN TV LTD UDAYA NEWS 100 0
 SUN TV LTD SUN TV 100 0
 SUN TV LTD TEJA NEWS 100 0
 SUN TV LTD SUN NEWS 100 0
 TELEVISION EIGHTEEN INDIA LTD CNBC-TV18 89.07 10.93
 TV LIVE INDIA PVT LTD TV LIVE 100 0
 TV TODAY NETWORK LTD MUMBAI AAJ TAK 92.5 7.5
 TV TODAY NETWORK LTD AAJ TAK 92.5 7.5
 TV TODAY NETWORK LTD DELHI AAJ TAK 92.5 7.5
 TV TODAY NETWORK LTD HEADLINES TODAY 92.5 7.5
 UDAYA TV LTD UDAYA TV 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV2 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV GUJRATI 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV BENGALI 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV MARATHI 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV KANNADA 100 0

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USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV URDU 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV ORIYA 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV TELGU 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV UP (HINDI) 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV MP HINDI 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV RAJASTHAN HINDI 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV BIHAR HINDI 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV ASSAMI 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV MALAYALAM 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV TAMIL 100 0
 USHODAYA ENTERPRISES LTD ETV PANJABI 100 0
 VIJAY BROADCASTING CO PVT LTD VIJAY 100 0
 ZEE TELEFILMS LTD ZEE TV 42.46 57.54
 ZEE TELEFILMS LTD ALPHA GUJRATI 42.46 57.54
 ZEE TELEFILMS LTD ZEE NEWS 42.46 57.54
 ZEE TELEFILMS LTD ALPHA PUNJABI 42.46 57.54
 ZEE TELEFILMS LTD ALPHA BANGLA 42.46 57.54
 ZEE TELEFILMS LTD ALPHA MARATHI 42.46 57.54

List of Permitted TV channels not having News and current affairs programs

Name of Company Channel name share holding

Indian Foreign

ASIANET COMMUNICATIONS LTD ASIANET (DIGITAL) MALAYALAM 100 0
 ATN INTERNATIONAL LTD AHIMSSA 99.24 0.76
 BROADCAST WORDWIDE LTD TARA GUJRATI 93.03 6.97
 BROADCAST WORDWIDE LTD TARA MARATHI 93.03 6.97
 BROADCAST WORDWIDE LTD TARA PUNJABI 93.03 6.97
 CMM BROADCASTING N/W AASTHA TV 100 0
 CMM BROADCASTING N/W CMM MUSIC 100 0
 COXWAIN TECHNOLOGIES COAXSWAIN 89.85 10.15
 COXWAIN TECHNOLOGIES SURSANGEET 89.85 10.15
 DIKSAAT TRANSWORLD LTD WIN TV 100 0
 ENTERTAINMENT TV N/W PVT LTD ETC HINDI 100 0
 ENTERTAINMENT TV N/W PVT LTD ETC PUNJABI 100 0
 GEMINI TV PVT LTD TEJA TV 100 0
 GEMINI TV PVT LTD GEMINI TV 100 0
 GEMINI TV PVT LTD GCV 100 0
 INTELVISION LTD SPLASH TV 91.30 8.7
 INTELVISION LTD NUM TV 91.30 8.7
 MH ONE TV NEWTORK LTD MH1 100 0

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Indian Foreign			
POSITIVE TV PVT LTD	NE TV	100	0
RAJ TV NETWORK LTD	RAJ DIGITAL PLUS	100	0
REMINISENT INDIA TV LTD	GURJARI	100	0
REMINISENT INDIA TV LTD	LASHKARA	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA TV ENTERTAINMENT	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA TV DIGITAL	100	0
SAHARA SANCHAR LIMITED	SAHARA TV	100	0
SANDESH TELEFILMS PVT LTD	SADHNA	100	0
SANSKAR INFO PVT LTD	SATSANG	100	0
SANSKAR INFO TV PVT LTD	SANSKAR	100	0
SRI ADHIKARI BROS TV N/W LTD	SABe TV	94.86	5.14
SUN TV LTD	SCV	100	0
SUN TV LTD	USHE TV	100	0
SUN TV LTD	SUN-II	100	0
SUN TV LTD	KTV	100	0
SUN TV LTD	SURYA-II	100	0
TAMILAN KALAIKODAM PVT LTD	TAMILAN TELEVISION	100	0
TANU HEALTH CARE LTD	CARE TV	98.12	1.66
TECHNOLOGY MEDIA GROUP PVT LTD	TMG ENTER	100	0
UDAYA TV LTD	UDAYA TV-II	100	0
ZEE TELEFILMS LTD	MANSI	42.46	57.54
ZEE TELEFILMS LTD	COMEDY TV	42.46	57.54
ZEE TELEFILMS LTD	ZEE CINEMA	42.46	57.54
ZEE TELEFILMS LTD	ALPHA BHARATI	42.46	57.54
ZEE TELEFILMS LTD	ALPHA KAVERI	42.46	57.54
ZEE TELEFILMS LTD	ZEE MUSIC	42.46	57.54
ZEE TELEFILMS LTD	ALPHA KRISHNA	42.46	57.54