

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:233  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2005  
TELECASTING THROUGH D.T.H.  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether Doordarshan telecast the channels through DTH to TV channel operators free of cost;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): whether these operators are charging money from public for viewing these channels;
- (d): if so, the reasons for allowing them to use DTH free of cost; and
- (e): the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.233 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2005 ON TELECASTING THROUGH D.T.H.

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The list of channels included in the bouquet of Doordarshan's D.T.H. service, free of cost at the moment, is given in Annexure.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. They are not charging money from the public for showing these channels in as much as they are free-to-air channels on the DTH platform of Doordarshan. The carriage of private TV channels free of cost is only an interim measure to boost the popularity of Doordarshan's DTH service, permitted only for a period of two years.

**ANNEXURE**

**LIST OF CHANNELS INCLUDED IN THE BOUQUET OF DD'S DIRECT PLUS**

- DD CHANNELS    PRIVATE CHANNELS    RADIO CHANNELS
1. DD National    Aaj Tak    Vividh Bharati
  2. DD News    Headlines Today    AIR FM Rainbow
  3. DD Sports    BBC World    AIR FM Gold
  4. DD India    Jain TV    AIR Hindi
  5. DD Bharati    Star Utsav    AIR Bangla
  6. DD Kashir    Zee Music    AIR North East
  - 7 DD Punjabi    Smile TV    AIR Oriya
  8. DD North East    ETV, Marathi    AIR Gujarati
  9. DD Bangla    Sun TV    AIR Marathi
  10. DD Oriya    Kairali TV    AIR Telugu
  11. DD Gujarati    Aakash Bangla    AIR Tamil
  12. DD Sahyadri    (Marathi)0 ETC    Punjabi    AIR Kannada
  13. DD Saptagiri    (Telugu) M.H. - 1
  14. DD Chandana    (Kannada) TV-9
  15. DD Podhigai    (Tamil)
  16. DD Malayalam
  17. DD LS    (Lok Sabha)
  18. DD RS    (Rajya Sabha)

Educational Channel  
19. Gyan Darshan