

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

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

- (a) whether DD News Channel is facing financial crunch or losing money on large scale;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to close down DD News Channel;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Doordarshan is a Public Service Broadcaster hence cannot be actuated or adjudged only by commercial considerations.
- (c) to (e): Prasar Bharati has informed that at present there is no such proposal.