

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

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ALLOTMENT OF CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand its space to take on board at least a hundred channels to Doordarshan's free-to-air platform;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the existing platform and the number out of them airs by Doordarshan and from the private broadcasters;
- (d) the number of channels proposed to be allocated to Doordarshan and the private broadcasters after the expansion of space; and
- (e) the time by which the expansion projects is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a), (b) & (e) : Prasar Bharati has intimated that the number of TV channels in Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH bouquet is envisaged to be increased from the present thirty-three to fifty channels during 2006-2007. Further, there is a separate proposal from Prasar Bharati to enhance its capacity to 100 TV channels.
- (c) : Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service provides nineteen Doordarshan and fourteen private channels, in addition to twelve All India Radio Channels.
- (d) : No decision has been taken in the matter so far.