

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2315

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DTH LICENCE

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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of companies having Direct to Home (DTH) licence at present;
- (b) whether some companies have applied for DTH licence;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these companies are likely to be given licences?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Government has issued license to one company, M/s ASC Enterprises Ltd., only.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): The following companies have applied for DTH license so far –
  - (i) M/s Noida Software Technology Park Ltd.
  - (ii) M/s Sun Direct TV Pvt. Ltd.
  - (iii) M/s Space TV Pvt. Ltd.
  - (iv) M/s Reliance Blue Magic Pvt. Ltd.; and
  - (v) M/s Essel Shyam Communications Ltd.
- (d): The issue of licenses under the guidelines of DTH service is an ongoing process. Licenses are issued to all such applicants who fulfill the criteria given in the guidelines for DTH service. As such no time frame can be given.