

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati has proposed to levy a carriage fee of Rs.1.00 crore each on private channels seeking platform under DTH bouquet;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of private channels in the matter?

**Answer**

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

a) to (c) : Prasar Bharati had earlier proposed a carriage fee of Rs.75.00 lakh each from the private channels seeking inclusion in DTH bouquet. Prasar Bharati is currently hosting private T.V. channels free of charge for a period of two years from its launch. A number of private T.V. channels have expressed their willingness to join the DTH platform of Doordarshan.