

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2481  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2005  
VIEWING OF CHANNELS UNDER DTH  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of channels presently being telecast free under Direct-to-Home (DTH) service;
- (b) whether Set-Top Box is required for viewing channels under DTH;
- (c) if so, whether Set-Top Box has not been popularized so far due to some pressure from the cable operators; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to attract more private channels under DTH and to make it more affordable?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The details of channels available under Free to Air DTH service of Doordarshan are given in Annexure.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): No, Sir. The penetration of Set Top Boxes depends on various factors like consumer's preference for TV channels, quality of service, vis-à-vis other service providers affordability, etc.
- (d): As regards Doordarshan's Free to Air DTH service, the Government have since permitted Prasar Bharati to increase the number of TV channels in its bouquet to fifty.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 2481 FOR ANSWER ON 8.12.2005

List of channels included in the bouquet of DD 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

7DD Punjabi    Smile TV    AIR Oriya

8.DD North East    ETV Marath    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)    ETC Punjabi    AIR Kannada

- 13.DD Saptagiri (Telugu) MH-114.
- 14.DD Chandana (Kannada) TV-9
- 15.DD Podhigai ( Tamil)
- 16.DD Malyalam
- 17.DD LS ( Lok Sabha)
- 18.DD RS ( Rajya Sabha)

Educational Channel

1. Gyan Darshan