

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3411
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2005
RURAL CHANNELS
Reddy Shri Karunakara G.

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch rural channels in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these channels are likely to be launched?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Prasar Bharati, an autonomous corporation, has informed that they are not considering any proposal, at present, to launch a separate rural channel in the country. Doordarshan is already telecasting agricultural programmes from select transmitters in narrowcasting mode.