

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

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DTH SERVICE IN REMOTE AREAS  
Bose Shri Subrata

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

- (a) whether Direct to home (DTH) telecast regime is presently under implementation throughout the country;
- (b) if so, whether television viewers residing in remote areas, including the Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Minicoi Islands would be able to access DTH;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. There are two DTH service providers in the country at the moment. One is pay DTH of ASC Enterprises and the other is the Free to Air Service of Doordarshan DTH called "DD Direct Plus".
- (b), (c) & (d): Transmission of "DD Direct Plus" signals can be received in various parts of the country, including Lakshadweep Islands, with the help of small sized dish receive units. However, these signals of DD Direct Plus can not be received in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Services of the lone Private DTH service provider M/s ASC Enterprises are also available in remote areas and it has subscribers in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.