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DTH SERVICE
Mohale Shri Punnulal

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

- (a) whether the Doordarshan have started Direct to Home (DTH) service throughout the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that set top box of Doordarshan DTH service is not functioning properly;
- (c) if so, whether the Bureau of Indian Standard has fixed any standard and technical norms for the set top boxes;
- (d) if so, whether the standards and technical norms fixed by Bureau of Indian Standard are being followed; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Doordarshan does not provide set top boxes for reception of its DTH service. These are available in the open market. However, Set Top Boxes provided by Doordarshan in certain uncovered areas for demonstration purposes are reported to be working satisfactorily.

(c) to (e): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has laid down standards and technical norms for the set top boxes for the reception of pay DTH service, which are being followed by the lone pay DTH service provider. However, no separate standards have been laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards for free to air DTH set top boxes. Doordarshan has approached BIS for extending facility for certification of STBs.