

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DTH SERVICE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Direct to Home (DTH) telecast service has been benefited following the successful launching of INSAT-4A;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of free to air channels under DTH Television (T.V.) service; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No significant impact has been felt on Doordarshan's DTH service as they primarily use the NSS VI Satellite.
- (c) & (d): Number of TV channels on free-to-air DTH service of Doordarshan "DD Direct Plus" is envisaged to be increased from present 33 to 50 during the year 2006-07.