

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON INDIAN TV CHANNELS IN PAKISTAN

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

- (a) whether the Government of Pakistan has banned the transmission of some Indian TV channels in their country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of Indian Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Government has taken up the issue with Government of Pakistan on several occasions, including during the Cultural Secretary level talks on Promotion of Friendly Exchanges held in New Delhi in August, 2004 and in Islamabad in July, 2005 under the Composite Dialogue framework. It was conveyed to Pakistan that its ban on the telecast of Indian TV channels has only resulted in widespread piracy by cable operators in Pakistan.