

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the status of the new channels launched in the last two years in the country;
- (b) whether there has been resource crunch and shortage of manpower in these channels;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the problems?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : During the last two years, two channels namely DD Lok Sabha and DD Rajya Sabha have been launched by Prasar Bharati in December, 2004.

These are currently operational only for the duration when both Houses of Parliament are in Session. These channels are presently being operated through redeployment of Doordarshan's personnel. This arrangement will continue till such time their operations are taken over by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the staff deployed by the latter for the purpose.