

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2049
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2006
DTH SERVICE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed DTH service;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the number of broadcasters who have applied to the Prasar Bharati for free telecasting of the channels, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. In order to strengthen Doordarshan's DTH service, it has been decided to increase the number of TV channels on DD Direct+ to fifty, from the existing thirty-three.

(c) : The list of forty-nine private TV roadcasters who have applied for inclusion of their channels on DD Direct+ as on 1.12.2005, is given at Annexure.

(d) : The equipment needed for expansion of Doordarshan's DTH service is being procured, and will be installed by mid-2006. The exact time-frame cannot be specified at this stage. However, the decision regarding new channels will be taken on merit after the necessary technical infrastructure is in place.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2049 REGARDING DTH SERVICE TO BE ANSWERED ON 9.3.2006

List of Channels that have applied for inclusion in DD Direct Plus

| S.No | Name of Channel | Language / Content | Location |
|------|------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. | 7 Star Care | Hindi / English- Health | Mumbai |
| 2. | Aastha | Hindi / Religious | Mumbai |
| 3. | Amrita Television | Art, culture, news & current affairs | Kerala |
| 4. | Arirang TV | English/Entertainment, music, drama, movies | Korea |
| 5. | Balle Balle | Punjabi/Hindi | Delhi |
| 6. | Channel News Asia | Asian News Channel | Singapore |
| 7. | CMM Music | Hindi / Music | Delhi |
| 8. | CTBUZZ | Business/Shopping-Interactive | Mumbai |
| 9. | Channel-7 JTV | News / Current Affairs | Noida |
| 10. | Day Star | English religious | US |
| 11. | Deutsche Welle | German/English / Ext. Service | Germany |
| 12. | Edusat-IGNOU | English / Hindi - Educational | Delhi |
| 13. | ETC Music | Hindi / Music | Punjab |
| 14. | ETV URDU | Urdu Channel | AP |
| 15. | EWTN Global Catholic Network | English/Religious | USA |
| 16. | God TV | English/Hindi Religious | Chennai |
| 17. | India Vision | Malayalam / News | Kerala |
| 18. | India TV | News/Current Affairs | New Delhi |
| 19. | Jagran (Zee) | Hindi / Religious | Delhi |
| 20. | Jaya TV | Tamil / Gen. Entertainment | TN |
| 21. | Jeevan | Malayalam / Gen Ent'tainment | Kerala |
| 22. | Jhankar TV | Hindi/English/Music | Delhi |
| 23. | KBS World TV | Entertainment, Drama, Documentaries, News | Seoul |
| 24. | Love World | English/Hindi / Regional / Religious | USA |

25. Mana TV (4 channels) Telugu / Educational AP
26. Muslim TV Ahmedia Religious UK
International
27. Maharishi Channel Religious Holland
28. Nepal 1 Nepali / General Nepal
29. NE TV NE languages Guwahati
30. PEOPLE (Kairali TV) News and Infotainment Kerala
31. Punjab Today Punjabi News Channel Delhi
32. Raj Musix South / Tamil / Music TN
33. Sadhana Hindi / Religious Delhi
34. Sahara One Hindi / Gen. Entertainment Delhi
35. Sahara Samay Rashtriya Hindi / News Delhi
36. Sanskar Hindi / Religious Delhi
37. Splash Children's Delhi
38. SS Music English/Hindi/S.Indian / Music Chennai
39. SS TV (Canadian) / Gen Ent'tainment Canada
40. Sur Sangeet Hindi / Music Chennai
41. Speed Music Hindi/Regional Delhi
42. Suroor TV Urdu / Gen Entertainment and Educational Bangalore
43. S-1 Hindi/English/News /Culture New Delhi
44. TV 5 French / External Service France
45. Total TV Hindi/Punjabi Delhi
46. Vyas Hindi/Eng / Educational Delhi
47. Win TV Hindi / Gen. Entertainment Delhi
48. Win TV Kannada Kannada / Gen. Entertainment Karnataka
49. Worldroom Travel TV English/Travel & Tourism London
As on 01/12/2005