

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

the details of the Indian and Foreign channels functioning in the country as on date?

Answer

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

The Government has so far permitted seventy one (71) companies to uplink 179 private satellite TV channels from India. In addition, Doordarshan is presently operating 27 TV channels.

TV channels, which are uplinked from abroad, are considered foreign TV channels. This Ministry does not maintain records of channels uplinked from outside India, which are also available to viewers in India, as on date. However, Government has recently issued downlinking guidelines on 11.11.2005 to regulate such foreign TV channels.