

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

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DISCONTINUATION OF DOORDARSHAN CHANNELS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has discontinued the facility of showing more than one channel of Doordarshan in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any difficulty is being faced in operating the Satellite Telecast (Free to Air Direct to Home) system in K.U. Band proposed by the Government;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to reconsider the plan of increasing the capacity of power transmitters of Doordarshan Kendras and installing new power transmitters to show regional channels in rural areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a) No. Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir .
- (d) to (f): Multi channel TV coverage has been provided in the entire country (except A&N Islands) through Doordarshan's Ku Band (free-to -air DTH) service. It is possible to receive Ku Band signals anywhere in the country with the help of small sized dish receive units. Hence new transmitters are now not contemplated.