

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SATELITE CHANNEL IN NORTH- EAST
Borkatky Shri Narayan Chandra

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to start another satellite channel for Doordarshan in North-East; and
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to commence and the funds earmarked for the same ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan is likely to set up uplinking facility for 2 new NE channels in about a year and a half. These would, however, commence when adequate number of suitable programmes are ready. Rs.2.79 crores and Rs.0.71 crore have been earmarked for the launch of these channels and their inclusion in Ku-Band, respectively, under the North-East Special Package Phase-II, which was approved in May, 2006.