

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

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme to distribute free DTH (DD Plus) sets by Prasar Bharati in the N.E. Region; and
- (b) if so, the number of such sets distributed till January, 2007 in the said Region?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : As part of Doordarshan's project of Ku band transmission (free-to-air DTH), 1095 DTH receive units have been provided free of cost in the uncovered villages of NE states for demonstration purpose. As part of the special package for NE states approved by the Government in 2006, 25,000 DTH receive units alongwith TV sets are envisaged to be provided in the uncovered areas of NE states. Action for procurement of these sets has been initiated by Doordarshan. Installation of the sets will have to be carried out by the respective state governments.