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NORMS FOR CABLE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to bring all cable TV homes in the country under digital network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to introduce a market driven television service with an independent regulator and to bring down the high cost of digital television?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. However, digital CAS has been implemented in the notified areas of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai & Kolkata. Further, Telecom Regulatory Authority has submitted its recommendations on digitalization of Cable TV. These recommendations are being examined in consultation with other Ministries/Departments. An independent regulatory authority for broadcasting is being envisaged in the proposed Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill.