

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

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SATELLITE CHANNELS IN NE REGION  
Borkatky Shri Narayan Chandra

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to give license for more Satellite Television Channels in the North Eastern Region; and
- (b) if so, the number of applications received therefor till now?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : As per 'Guidelines for Uplinking from India' issued on 2.12.2005, permissions are granted by the Ministry to various companies to uplink satellite television channels from India which are for operation on an all-India basis and are not region-specific.
- (b) : As on 28.2.2007, applications of 44 companies seeking permission to uplink their satellite TV channels from India are under consideration in the Ministry. Out of these, only 4 companies have their registered/head offices in North Eastern Region.