

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

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NEW DOORDARSHAN CHANNEL IN NORTH EAST  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start any additional channel of Doordarshan for all the States particularly North-East;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated alongwith the details of programmes to be broadcast; and
- (d) the time by when the additional channels are likely to be started in all the States particularly North-East?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A special package (phase-II) for expansion & improvement of Doordarshan services in North Eastern Region & Island territories of Andaman & Nicobar Island and Lakshadweep was approved by the Government in May, 2006. The schemes approved under the package, interalia, include the scheme of 2 North East Channels.
- (c) Under the scheme of North East Package (Phase-II), an amount of Rs. 256.85 crores has been approved in respect of various hardware and software schemes of Doordarshan including North East Channels. These North East Channels will be true representatives of the North East and will telecast programmes from all the states of North East in known languages/dialects of the North East.
- (d) Earth Station, Guwahati is envisaged to be augmented by providing an additional uplink chain for uplinking of the above 2 North East Channels. The additional uplink chain at Earth Station, Guwahati is expected to be set up during 2008.