

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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KU BAND TRANSMISSION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plan to start KU band transmission in the country especially in Uttaranchal;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started alongwith State-wise allocations made for this purpose;
- (c) whether the Government propose to replace very low power transmitters of Doordarshan by 500 Watt low power transmitters in the country especially in Uttaranchal;
- (d) if so, the time by which these transmitters will be replaced; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) Doordarshan proposes to start satellite transmission in Ku-band during 2004.
- (b) With the commencement of Ku-band transmission, it would be possible for viewers in the country including Uttaranchal to receive 30 TV channels, free-to-air, with the help of a small sized dish antenna system . There is no state-wise allocation of funds for Ku-band transmission project. In the initial phase, to encourage adoption of this new technology through successful demonstration as a pilot project, covering eight states / regions including Uttaranchal, public institutions like Anganwadies, Schools, Public Health Centres, Panchayats, Youth Clubs, Co- operative Societies etc. will be provided the Set Top Box and dish antenna for receiving bouquet of 30 channels. The full set containing dish antenna and satellite receiving equipment (excluding TV receiver) would be provided free of cost to these institutions. The total number of STBs proposed to be supplied is ten thousands. Wherever it is not possible to distribute Set Top Boxes and dishes, Cable Headends will be set up by Doordarshan for distribution of channels. About 200 Cable Head Ends will be installed by Doordarshan in these states, for uncovered village / areas, where population concentration is around 50 TV Households or so.
- (c) , (d) & (e) There is no scheme to replace VLPTs in Uttaranchal or anywhere-else in the country by 500 W LPTs. TV coverage to uncovered areas is now envisaged to be provided through satellite transmission in Ku-band.