

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

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GROWTH OF TV CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the excessive growth of TV channels in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various TV channels/broadcasting companies are facing constraints on account of spectrum; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) & (b) : The number of private satellite TV channels which have been permitted to uplink from India as per uplinking guidelines and the number of TV channels, which are uplinked from abroad, permitted to downlink in India as per downlinking guidelines has grown considerably over the years the details of which are as below.

Years TV Channels permitted to uplink from India as per uplinking guidelines TV Channels permitted to downlink in India as per downlinking guidelines

2000	01	-
2001	44	-
2002	24	-
2003	24	-
2004	37	-
2005	24	-
2006	37	02
2007	70	05
2008	111	56
2009	64	13
Total	436	76

(c) : Satellite Television Broadcasting companies can either hire space segment on INSAT Systems either from ISRO, Department of Space (DOS) or on foreign satellites coordinated with INSAT systems. As reported by DOS, there is no constraint on TV channels/Broadcasting Companies on account of spectrum at present.

(d) : Does not arise.