

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

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NEW CHANNELS ON DOORDARSHAN
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA

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

- (a) whether Doordarshan has recently launched some new channels:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any other new channel is proposed to be launched in the near future including an exclusive DD channel for documentaries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE C
DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. `Sports Channel` and `News Channel` of Doordarshan were launched w.e.f. March 20, 1999 and August 15, 1999 respectively. Besides this, an Educational Channel `Gyan Darshan` has been launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education on January 26, 2000.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.
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