

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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DTH PLATFORM BY VSNL

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) propose to set up Direct to Home (DTH) platform in the country
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their advantages and cost thereof;
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be set up; and
- (d) the step taken by VSNL in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) VSNL is examining financial viability to equip its existing KU-band earth station in Greater Kailash, New Delhi for full fledged DTH platform. VSNL being an existing infrastructure provider, it will provide a neutral DTH platform to all Indian Broadcasters. The estimated cost is Rs. 100 crores.
- (c) By the end of year 2001, depending on the viability of project.
- (d) VSNL is in the process of examining the above business case.