

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

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

- (a) the number of Regional T.V. Channels telecasting their programmes in Delhi;
- (b) whether the Government have a proposal to permit all the Regional TV channels to present their programmes in their languages;
- (c) if so, the proposal submitted in this regard for Oriya language; and
- (d) the steps taken to clear such proposals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Doordarshan is presently operating 21 channels (including 11 regional channels). Programmes of all these channels can be received anywhere in the country with the help of an appropriate dish antennae system / cable network. A number of cable operators in Delhi are distributing regional channels of Doordarshan over their networks.

(b): In addition to the 11 regional channels of Doordarshan, permission for uplinking has been accorded to a large number of private companies having regional language channels.

(c) & (d): The proposal for uplinking of ETV Oriya channel of M/s. Ushodaya Enterprises Ltd. has been approved.