

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:179  
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PILOT PROJECT FOR DTT BROADCASTING  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are planning to launch digital terrestrial television broadcasting services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith its salient features thereof;
- (c) whether a huge expenditure will be involved to implement the project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the justification therefore; and
- (e) the details of advantages of DTTB as compared to analogue transmission?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 179 FOR REPI 14/3/2002.

(a) to (e) : Doordarshan is setting up digital terrestrial transmitters at Delhi, Kolkatta, Chennai and Mumbai, at a capital cost of Rs. 26.19 crores for starting experimental service.

The main advantages of Digital Terrestrial Transmission as compared to analogue transmission, lie in its superior quality of audio & video signals; multi-channel operation; mobile reception and less transmission power requirement.