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

(a) whether the Government are planning to relax the 20 per cent of foreign direct investment (FDI) indirect-to-home satellite broadcasting; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Some suggestions/recommendations, including removal of the 20% equity restriction, have been received from various quarters. In this regard, the recommendations of the Working Group on I&B Sector(which was set up by the Planning Commission for the formulation of the 10th Five Year Plan) are under consideration of the Government.