

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:322

ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003

AVAILABILITY OF MULTI-CHANNELS OF DOORDARSHAN TO ALL

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

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- (a) whether there is any proposal to make available multi-channels of Doordarshan to all the people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State -wise;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to make available DD-2 and other channels of regional service programme without appropriate Dish Antenna System so that common man can enjoy all the Doordarshan Channels;
- (d) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 322 FOR 13/03/2003

(a & (b) : In satellite mode, programme of all the 25 channels of Doordarshan are available through out the country and these can be received anywhere with the help of appropriate dish antenna system or through cable TV networks. Two channels viz. DD 1 and DD 2 are transmitted in terrestrial mode also and are available to about 89.8% and 40.3% population, respectively

(c) to (e) : In terrestrial mode, DD 2 coverage is presently available to about 40.3% population of the country and is expected to increase to about 49.3 with the implementation of the on going schemes. However, there is no scheme to set up terrestrial transmitters for relay of regional channels which have a window of about five and half (5 1/2 hours of terrestrial cover on DD-1. Tenth Plan proposals of Doordarshan inter-alia, include schemes for provision of TV coverage to uncovered areas with multi channel bouquet in free to air mode, through cable and satellite distribution system and other alternative technologies.