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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether some States, the Andhra Pradesh in particular, have urged the Union Government to make available a C band TV channel to allow the States to use the electronic medium to educate the masses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government on the requests of the States?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) : A proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for allowing Cable TV operators in the State to receive and distribute Ku-band signals through their networks for dissemination of high quality educational programmes to needy and isolated schools and colleges. The matter is under examination in the Ministry.