

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3345  
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DTH UNDER KU BAND  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to extend Doordarshan facilities to the areas where this facility was not available so far through its long awaited Direct-to-Home (DTH) system under KU Band;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be made effective; (
- (c) whether all the broadcasts through it will be free of cost and will be available without cable connection; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): TV Coverage to uncovered areas of the country is now envisaged to be provided through satellite transmission in Ku-band in free-to-air mode.
- (b): Ku-band transmission is expected to commence during the year 2004.
- (c): It will be possible to receive Ku-band signals (30 channel bouquet), free of cost, directly with the help of a small sized dish antenna receive system.
- (d) Does not arise.