

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

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SUN TV CHANNEL
P.H. PANDIAN

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

- (a) the date on which the SUN TV actually began telecasting its programmes; and
- (b) the date on which the SUN TV obtained clearance from the Reserve Bank of India for remitting Foreign Exchange for payment of charges for uplinking of transponder abroad?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Since the Sun TV was initially uplinked from outside the country, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting does not have the information about the date when it actually began its telecast. However, as per the copy of agreements furnished by M/s Sun TV at the time of applying for release of foreign exchange for uplinking and hiring of transponder, these agreements were effective from 29.4.1995 and 1.10.1995 respectively.

(b) The Sun TV obtained permission from Reserve Bank of India for remittance of the foreign exchange towards transponder hire on Gorizont-41 satellite and uplinking services through M/s ST Teleport Pte. Ltd., Singapore on 11th December, 1995.