

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4931
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DD TOWERS FOR EXPANSION OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have given permission to the Ministry of Communicationsto utilise Doordarshan towers for expansion of Communication services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of utilisation of Doordarshan towers made in various States, particularly in Maharashtra; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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), (b) & (c): Doordarshan towers are designed for the specific purpose of hoisting TV antennae. Requests from outside agencies for utilization of Doordarshan towers are examined on a case-by-case basis, vis-à-vis the capacity of a particular tower. Except for one tower at Aju Fort in Himachal Pradesh, no Doordarshan tower in any part of the country is at present being used by the Ministry of Communications.