

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalized the Downlinking Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to come into effect; and
- (d) the manner in which the new policy will be different from the existing practice and rules?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d): The Government is examining the issue of introducing downlinking policy to regulate satellite TV Channels which are uplinked from other countries and are down linked in India for public viewership. No time frame can be indicated for finalizing the guidelines.

Presently, there is no restriction on downlinking of signals of Satellite TV Channels which are uplinked from abroad and downlinked in India for public viewership.