

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:417
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LICENCE FEE ON TELEVISION SETS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cost of maintaining Doordarshan and All India Radio has increased several times;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore alongwith the details of expenditure incurred by Doordarshan and All India Radio separately during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to impose an annual 'licence fee' for each television sets owned by consumers as reported in Times of India dated July 10, 2007;
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

- (a) & (b) The details of expenditure by Doordarshan and AIR during the last three years are given below:

(Rs in crores)

Year	DD	AIR	Total
2004-05	969.42	722.56	1691.98
2005-06	1237.04	759.36	1996.40
2006-07	1150.77	770.62	1921.39

(c) No Sir.

(d) & (e) Doesn't arise.