

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

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QUALITY OF TV BROADCAST
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of the TV broadcast is not upto the mark in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of complaints/representations received in this regard;
- (c) whether some areas are still left out of TV coverage in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government to improve the quality of TV broadcast in the country particularly in the tribal and inaccessible areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS & INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) TV Broadcast is done through various modes namely direct to home, cable and terrestrial mode by private broadcasters and Doordarshan. No record is maintained regarding quality of TV broadcast in all these modes. However, performance of TV transmitters in Doordarshan network is satisfactory, though complaints of malfunctioning of some of the transmitters are received from time to time. No centralized data is maintained in this regard.

(c) to (e) In terrestrial mode, TV coverage is estimated to be available to about 92.2% population, including a large segment of population in tribal and inaccessible areas. The areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission, along with rest of the country, have been provided with multi-channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air Direct to Home (DTH) service, signals of which can be received all over the country (except Andaman & Nicobar Islands). Project for DTH service (in C-Band) for Andaman & Nicobar Islands has since been approved. For expansion and improvement of terrestrial coverage, 116 transmitter projects in various parts of the country has also been approved.