

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:319

ANSWERED ON:24.03.2005

FOREIGN CHANNELS

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

- (a) the details of the foreign channels operating in the country with the sources of funding declared by each of them;
- (b) the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) involved in each of these foreign channels;
- (c) whether some foreign channels have violated the Government's norms;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken against them; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government on the functioning of Foreign Channels?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.319 FOR ANSWER ON 24.3.2005

(a) & (b) : The particulars of the companies, who have been permitted to uplink from India and have varying components of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in their paid up equity, are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e) : No, Sir. However, after the maximum allowed percentage of FDI in the paid up equity was brought down to 26% in March, 2003, the existing news and current affairs channels at that time were asked to conform to the guidelines by 25th March, 2004. This deadline has been further extended to 31st March, 2005.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.319 FOR ANSWER ON 24.3.2005

Sl.No. Name of the Companies Percentage of FDI in the companies  
of the total paid up equity

1.	ATN International Ltd.	0.76%
2.	Broadcast Worldwide Ltd.	6.97%
3.	Coxswain Technologies Ltd.	10.15%
4.	Intelivision Ltd.	6.44%
5.	Jain Studios Ltd.	22.088%
6.	Jeevan Telecasting Corporation Ltd.	25.94%
7.	Media Content & Communications Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	26%
8.	New Delhi Television Ltd.	3.04%
9.	Sky (B) Bangla Pvt. Ltd.	0.5%
10.	Sri Adhikari Brothers Television Network Ltd.	0.25%
11.	Softline Broadcasting Pvt. Ltd.	24%

12. Tanu Healthcare Ltd.	1.66%	
13. Television Eighteen India Ltd.		6.01%
14. TV Today Network Ltd.	6.20%	
15. Zee Telefilms Ltd.	46.34%	