

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

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DD DIRECT PLUS SERVICES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of popular private TV channels have withdrawn their channels from DD Direct Plus services of Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the details of such channels alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for expanding the base of DD Direct Plus service of Doordarshan in all parts of the country and to face the competition of private DTH companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) DTH signals (Ku-band) are available in the entire country, except Anadaman & Nicobar Islands.