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PORTABILITY OF DTH SET- TOP BOXES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether non-portability of Direct to Home (DTH) Set-Top- Boxes (STB) have led to a large number of STBs being deactivated causing immense loss of foreign exchange;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government to facilitate portability of DTH STBs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

(a) No, Sir. DTH service provides subscribers the advantage of geographical mobility meaning thereby that once a customer purchases DTH hardware which includes Set Top Box (STB) from a DTH service provider, he/she can continue to use the same unit anywhere in the country to receive its services.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.