GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2267 ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010 DIGITAL DTH SATELLITE SYSTEM Pradhan Shri Amarnath

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish the digital Direct-to-Home satellite system at various Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) in the country,;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise and DDK-wise; and
- (c) the total funds sanctioned by the Government for the purpose during the current Five Year Plan, year-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Doordarshan started its free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus" in December, 2004. DTH uplink system is located at Delhi. DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country with the help of small sized dish receiver units.
- (c) Doordarshan's DTH Platform presently has capacity of transmission of 59 TV channels. Eleventh Plan scheme of Doordarshan DTH has been approved at a cost of `75.43 crore.which includes upgradation of the capacity of DTH Platform from 59 to 97 TV channels.