

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

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DIGITAL ADDRESSABLE CABLE TV SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has suggested for shifting from analog TV system to digital addressable cable TV system for better quality of pictures and services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the deadline fixed to start such system;
- (c) whether the Government has approved the said proposal; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be made functional in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. TRAI in its recommendations on "Implementation of Digital addressable Cable System in India" has recommended that the migration to a digital addressable cable TV system be implemented with sunset date for Analogue Cable TV Services as 31st Dec 2013, in four phases. The Ministry, while agreeing to the recommendations of TRAI, proposed a slightly modified and extended timeline extending upto 31st March 2015 in view of the enormity of the task. The TRAI in its response dated 23rd February, 2011 has recommended revised timelines for implementation of digital addressable cable TV systems in India where the timeframe for the final phase has been extended upto 30th June 2014. The Ministry is in the process of taking a final view in the matter.