

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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HIGHER EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL THROUGH DTH

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to start 50 higher educational channels through DTH in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has requested to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to sanction transponders for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the ISRO thereto;
- (e) the budget required for this purpose; and
- (f) the time by which these channels are likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f): Starting nearly 50 DTH channels for Higher Education in the Country within the XI Plan period has occupied a high place under the National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) at present. MHRD's request to ISRO for providing 2 transponders has been noted by ISRO and sent to the INSAT Coordination Committee. NMEICT has an allocation of Rs. 120 crore for the DTH channels to begin with.