

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

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DTH SERVICES OF DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government/Doordarshan (DD) proposes to include more free channels through the Doordarshan's Direct to Home (DTH) Services;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the DTH service of Doordarshan is being utilized only in rural areas; and
- (d) If so, the efforts made by the Government/DD to popularize the said services?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that the capacity of Doordarshan's DTH platform is expected to increase from the present 59 TV channels to 75 free to air channels, during 2012.
- (c) & (d): Doordarshan's DTH signal is available in the entire country. Doordarshan runs promos to popularize the DTH Direct+ Service.