

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

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DTH SERVICES OF DD
Singh Shri Ravneet

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to offer free channels through Direct-to-Home (DTH) services of Doordarshan (DD) without any monthly subscription fee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a)&(b) : Prasar Bharati has reported that at present, there is a provision of 59 channels on DD-Direct Plus Platform which includes 19 Channels of Doordarshan, 3 Foreign Channels, 3 National educational Channels and 34 Private channels. All these channels are already free with no subscription required from the viewers. Presently 6 channels on DD's DTH are vacant and awaiting auction.

(c): Does not arise.