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DTH SERVICE OF DD

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

- (a) the details of channels available under the platform of Direct-To-Home (DTH) service of Doordarshan (DD) at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include more channels in the DTH service of DD;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to provide DD's DTH service platform to air the pay channels;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated profit/ loss being earned/incurred by the DD from the said arrangement; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that, at present there is provision of 59 channels on DD-Direct Plus Platform which includes 19 channels of Doordarshan and other private channels. 3 Channels are vacant. The list of channels operating presently are given below.

List of 19 DD Channels:

- 1.DD-1
2. DD (News)
3. DD-Sports
- 4.DD-India
5. DD-Bharati
6. DD-Urdu
7. DD-Bangla
8. DD-Chandana
9. DD-Gujarati
- 10.DD-Kashir
- 11.DD-Lok Sabha
12. DD-Rajya Sabha
- 13.DD-North-East
14. DD-Oriya
- 15.DD-Podighai
- 16.DD-Sahyadri
- 17.DD-Saptagiri
18. DD-Malayalam
19. DD-Punjabi.

List of other 37 DTH Channels:

1. Zee 9X
2. Kaatyayani
3. Aalmi Sahara
- 4.Aastha Channel
5. Divya
6. News X
7. Shri News Channel
8. Sahara Samay National
- 9.What's On India
- 10.B4U Movies

11. B4U Music
12. India News
13. Zee Jagran
14. Zee ETC Bollywood
15. Zee Smile
16. Dangal
17. Enterr-10 Music
18. Aastha Bhajan
19. Disha
20. News Express
21. News 24
22. Sadhna National
23. Chardikla Time TV
24. Mangal Kalash
25. 9XM
26. Cinema TV
27. Gyandarshan-I
28. Gyandarshan-II
29. CEC-UGC Channel (Vyas)
30. Russia Today
31. DW
32. NHK World
33. Day & Night News
34. TV-24 News
35. Skanskar
36. Star Utsav
37. P-7 News.

(b) & (c): The Scheme of upgradation of Doordarshan's DTH Platform from 59 to 97 TV channels is approved.

(d) to (f): There is no proposal to provide Doordarshan's DTH Service Platform to air Pay Channels. Doordarshan as a Public Service Broadcaster provides only free-to-air Services for the benefit of the public.