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DIGITIZATION OF CABLE TV
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of digitization of cable TV in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has set any time frame to complete digitization of cable TV; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- a) Phase - I & Phase - II of digitization have been completed as per the schedule. In phase- I, metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata have been digitized whereas in Chennai digitization is not fully completed due to several legal and administrative reasons. In phase- II, 38 cities have been covered.
- b) As per the Government notification dated 11.11.2011, Phase- III of digitization is to be completed by 30.9.2014 and the final Phase-IV is to be completed by 31st December 2014.
- c) For implementation of Phase III & IV, a Task Force has been constituted to finalize the modalities of implementation. About 11 crore Set Top Boxes (STBs) are required to complete digitization in Phase III & IV. With a view to encourage indigenous manufacturing of Set Top Box (STB) to meet the demand for the remaining phases of digitization, Ministry took up the matter regarding the constraints of the Indian STB manufactures with other Ministries. Department of Telecommunication has since issued orders confirming that set top boxes are part of telecommunication network.