

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

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DTH Educational Channels

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

- (a) whether the Government has acquired satellite transponders from the Department of Space to implement the DTH programme to deliver structured educational content to homes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of funds allocated and utilised for operationalising the DTH programme;
- (c) the present status of the DTH programme including its impact and the number of DTH educational channels launched by the Government;
- (d) whether the DTH programme has been successful in bridging the digital divide in higher education; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken by the Government to ensure the same?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) The Department of Space has allocated two satellite transponders to implement the DTH programme to deliver structured educational content to homes.
- (b) DTH programmes is to be funded out of National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology (NMEICT), which was approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 2nd January, 2009 with an outlay of Rs. 4,612.00 Crores (Four Thousand Six Hundred Twelve). Out of this Rs. 401.00 Crores (Four Hundred One) were earmarked for Direct to Home and Satellite related activities as indicated in Mission Document appended to Note for CCEA. Rs. 50.07 Crores (Fifty Crores Seven Lakhs) have been sanctioned for DTH related activities.
- (c) There is requirement of creation of certain pre-requisites such as Teaching Ends and Teleport facility for uplinking the feed to the satellite for telecast. The Project Approval Board (PAB) of NMEICT in its 29th meeting held on 20th May, 2015 has resolved to evaluate whether hiring of teleport facility or setting up of teleport facility under NMEICT is more beneficial.
- (d) The DTH programme is yet to be started.
- (e) In view of (d) above, it does not arise.

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