

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Non-Availability of DD Services
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that despite the presence of Doordarshan (DD) transmitters in major parts of the country, its services are not available to nearly fifty per cent of the population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce a comprehensive broadcast legislation in the Parliament; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said legislation is likely to be introduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE; MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS; AND
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that at present, there are 1416 TV transmitters of varying power in Doordarshan network. In terrestrial mode, DD coverage is estimated to be available to about 92 % population spread over about 81 % area of the country. The corrective steps resulted in developing free to air offer of channels through DD's Free Dish. DD's Free Dish services on Direct to Home (DTH basis) has currently 64 TV channels on air. Thus, all the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters along with rest of the country have been provided with multichannel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service anywhere in the country.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
