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Free-to-Air Channels

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of Doordarshan free-to-air channels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the total number of channels broadcasted on Doordarshan DTH as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.) }

(a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that at present, there are 34 TV channels of Doordarshan (DD) and all of them are free-to-air. A new 24 x 7 Satellite TV Channel "DD Arunprabha" is proposed to be launched soon.

(d) As on date, Doordarshan is operating DD Free Dish, a Free-To-Air DTH service with 80 TV Channels.
