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EDUCATIONAL CHANNELS BY DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of channels like Gyan Darshan being run by Doordarshan for propagation of education;
- (b) the States of the country where the programmes of these channels are being telecast;
- (c) the names of private cable operators who have discontinued the telecast of programmes of the above channels; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to take any action against such operators and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan(DD) does not have any educational channel. However, DD runs educational programmes provided by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), University Grants Commission (UGC) & Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) for 30 minutes on DD National. Government had introduced 4 Educational Channels namely Gyandarshan 1, Gyandarshan

2, Vyas Channel, Eklavya Channel. Out of this Gyandarshan 1 & 2 have been run by the Education Media Production Centre (EMPC) of IGNOU. Vyas Channel is being managed by UGC and Eklavya by Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). IGNOU used to uplink these channels on C-Band which was then taken by DD on the Freedish DTH of Prasar Bharati. Currently IGNOU does not have the Wireless Planning Coordination (WPC) clearance from the Ministry of Communications & IT. Hence they are unable to uplink on C-Band. Therefore, DD is not able to downlink these channels on Freedish DTH and these channels are no longer available on DD Freedish DTH.