

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:679
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2014
DIGITIZATION OF CABLE TV SECTOR
Mullappally Shri Ramachandran

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

- (a) the present status of the implementation of the digitization of cable television sector;
- (b) whether the Government has set deadlines for its implementation; and (
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : As per the Government notification of 11.11.2011, digitisation of cable TV services in the country is envisaged to be completed in four phases.

In the first phase, four metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai were to be digitized by 31st October 2012. Except for Chennai digitisation has been completed in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. In Chennai it is not completed due to pending court case in the High court of Tamil Nadu.

In the second phase, 38 cities in 14 states and one union territory (U.T) were to be digitized by 31st March 2013. Digitisation is completed in 36 cities. In the remaining two cities of Coimbatore and Srinagar, it is also more or less completed.

In the third phase digitisation is to be completed in all other urban areas (Municipal Corporations/Municipalities) except cities/towns/areas specified for phases I & II. Rest of India would be covered in phase -IV.

Deadline for phase - III has been set as 31st December 2015 and for phase IV it has been fixed as 31st December, 2016.