

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4077
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.04.2022)**

UPLINKING AND DOWNLINKING OF INDIAN CHANNELS

4077. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

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

- a) whether it is a fact that television channels uplinking from India are dependent on foreign satellites for their broadcasting;**
- b) if so, the details thereof with number of television channels in foreign and Indian satellites;**
- c) the measures taken to provide sufficient bandwidth for the Indian broadcast industry; and**
- d) the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
{ SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR }**

(a) & (b): TV channels use both Indian and foreign satellites for uplinking from India depending on the requirements of geographical coverage. As on 31.03.2022 out of total 897 TV channels, 359 channels are uplinking from Indian satellite and 538 channels are uplinking on foreign satellite.

(c) & (d): Department of Space has informed that Government has opened up space sector for participation of the private players so that they can avail orbit spectrum, build, own and operate satellites to meet the growing demands for satellite capacity in the country.
