

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. *110
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016)**

DOORDARSHAN NETWORK

***110. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:**

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

- (a) whether 8 per cent population and 19 per cent area of the country have not been covered under Doordarshan network in the country, so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the names of such areas;
- (c) the time by which coverage of Doordarshan network is likely to be extended across the country; and
- (d) the efforts made to utilise modern techniques and equipments in Doordarshan telecast?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)**

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA
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Prasar Bharati has informed that in terrestrial mode, the TV coverage of Doordarshan is estimated to be available to about 92% population spread over 81% area of the country. However, in Satellite mode, multichannel TV coverage of Doordarshan reaches all the areas of the country through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service. It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country with the help of a small sized dish receive unit.

Modernization of Doordarshan network by utilizing modern techniques and equipments is a continuous process. Schemes in this regard have been formulated and implemented from time to time. Modernization plan covers a broad spectrum, which inter-alia, includes digitalization, adoption of new technologies, upgradation and replacement of old ageing equipment etc.
