

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1235
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016**

INDIAN AND FOREIGN CHANNELS

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

- (a) The number of news, entertainment, religion, sports and health television channels in the country including the Indian and Foreign Channels out of these, name and country-wise;
- (b) Whether cable guidelines have been prepared regarding operation of television channels and if so, whether any law has been enacted in this regard;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether any law exists for checking the broadcast of anti-national news or incidents; and
- (e) Is so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING, [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHODE (RETD.)]

(a): Ministry of Information and Broadcasting grants permission under two categories i.e. Non-News & Current Affairs and News & Current Affairs TV channels in accordance with the Policy Guidelines for Uplinking/Downlinking of Satellite TV channels in India and does not mandate any particular genre or content within the above categories. As on date (31.10.2016) Ministry has permitted 881 TV channels out of which 482 channels are under News & Current Affairs category and 399 channels are under Non-News and Current Affairs category. The list of permitted channels is available on Ministry's website i.e. www.mib.nic.in. Out of 881 channels, there are 89 satellite TV channels permitted to downlink in India. Their country-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.

(b)to (e): As per existing regulatory framework, the telecast of content on private satellite TV channels is regulated as per Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Cable Television Network Rules, 1994 framed thereunder. The Act does not provide for

pre-censorship of any programmes and advertisements telecast on such TV channels. However, it prescribes that all programmes and advertisements telecast on such TV channels should be in conformity with the prescribed Programme Code and Advertising Code enshrined in the aforesaid Act and the rules framed thereunder. The said codes contain a whole range of parameters to regulate programmes and advertisements on such TV channels including telecast of anti-national news or incidents. In this regard, Specific provision made in the Programme Code is given as under:

Rule 6(e) provides that no programme should be carried in the cable service which is likely to encourage or incite violence or contains anything against maintenance of law and order or which promote anti-national attitudes.

It is further stated that on the issue of coverage of terror-related operations by TV channels, this Ministry issued a Gazette Notification No. GSR 216(E) on 21.3.2015 whereby Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 were amended and clause (p) has been inserted in the Programme Code which is as under:

Rule (p): No programme should be carried in the cable service which contains live coverage of any anti-terrorist operation by security forces, wherein media coverage shall be restricted to periodic briefing by an officer designated by the appropriate Government, till such operation concludes.

Explanation: - For the purposes of this clause, it is clarified that “anti-terrorist operation” means such operation undertaken to bring terrorists to justice, which includes all engagements involving justifiable use of force between security forces and terrorists.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1235 FOR ANSWER ON 23.11.2016

List of TV Channels permitted to downlink in India- Country-wise

SI No	Channel Name	Name of the Company permitted to downlink in India	Category	Date of Permission	Name of Owner Company
1	AL JAZEERA ENGLISH	AJI INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED	NEWS	03/12/2010	M/s AL Jazeera Satellite Network, Qatar
2	GOD TV	ANGEL MEDIA NETWORK PVT LTD	NON-NEWS	07/02/2008	M/s Angel Foundation, Sunderland (U.K.)
3	MARINE BIZ TV	ARIES TELECASTING PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	29/11/2007	M/s Aries Telecasting Pvt. Ltd., India(channel being uplinked from Israel)
4	AXN HD	AXN Network India Pvt. Ltd.	NON-NEWS	07/04/2014	M/s Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) Networks Asia Pte Ltd., Singapore
5	SONY ESPN (Earlier SONY KIX & SET ONE)	AXN Network India Pvt. Ltd.	NON-NEWS	07/04/2014	M/s Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) Networks Asia Pte Ltd., Singapore
6	B4U MOVIES	B4U TELEVISION NETWORK IZ PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	04/02/2008	M/s B4U Broadband (India) Pvt Ltd, India (channel being uplinked from Hong Kong)
7	B4U MUSIC	B4U TELEVISION NETWORK I PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	04/02/2008	M/s B4U Broadband (India) Pvt Ltd, India (channel being uplinked from Hong Kong)
8	B4U Plus	B4U TELEVISION NETWORK I PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	11.07.2016	M/s B4U Broadband (India) Pvt Ltd, India (channel being uplinked from Hong Kong)
9	B4U HITZ	B4U TELEVISION NETWORK I PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	11.07.2016	M/s B4U Broadband (India) Pvt Ltd, India (channel being uplinked from Hong Kong)
10	BBC WORLD News	BBC GLOBAL NEWS INDIA PVT. LTD. (Earlier BBC WORLD INDIA PVT LTD)	NEWS	08/07/2008	M/s BBC Global News Ltd., London
11	BLOOMBERG TELEVISION ASIA-PACIFIC FEED	BLOOMBERG TELEVISION PRODUCTION SERVICES PVT. LTD.	NEWS	10/09/2008	M/s Bloomberg L.P.,USA

12	AUSTRALIA NETWORK	CABSAT CHANNEL PRIVATE LIMITED	NEWS	03/08/2015	M/s Australian Broadcasting Corporation(ABC), Australia
13	DW TV	CABSAT CHANNELS PRIVATE LIMITED	NEWS	11/02/2008	M/s Deutsche Welle, Germany
14	TV 5 MONDE	CATVISION LTD. (Earlier CATVISION PRODUCTS LTD.	NEWS	05/06/2008	M/s TV5 Monde, French Public Broadcaster
15	FRANCE 24	CATVISION LTD. (Earlier CATVISION PRODUCTS LTD.	NEWS	03/12/2010	M/s France 24, Societe Anonyme, France
16	DA VINCI LEARNING	DA VINCI MEDIA INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	29/05/2015	M/s Da Vinci Media GmbH, Germany
17	ANIMAL PLANET	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	12/05/2008	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
18	DISCOVERY CHANNEL	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	12/05/2008	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
19	TLC	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	12/05/2008	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
20	DISCOVERY HD WORLD (DISCOVERY HD)	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	10/08/2009	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
21	DISCOVERY SCIENCE	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	10/08/2009	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
22	DISCOVERY TURBO	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	10/08/2009	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
23	DISCOVERY CHANNEL TAMIL	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	01/06/2011	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
24	Animal Planet HD World (Earlier known as DISCOVERY HOME AND HEALTH)	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	01/06/2011	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
25	D SPORT (Earlier DISCOVERY 3D NET)	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	01/06/2011	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore

26	ID INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	01/06/2011	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
27	TLC HD World (Earlier known as MILITARY CHANNEL)	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	01/06/2011	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
28	DISCOVERY KIDS CHANNEL	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INDIA	NON-NEWS	01/06/2011	M/s Discovery Networks Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., Singapore
29	RUSSIA TODAY	LAMHAS SATELLITE SERVICES LIMITED	NEWS	10/12/2008	M/s ANO "TV-Navosti", Russia
30	CHANNEL NEWS ASIA INTERNATIONAL	MCN INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT LTD.	NEWS	07/04/2008	M/s MCN International Pvt. Ltd., Singapore
31	THE MGM	MGM PROGRAMMING SERVICES INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	30/05/2008	M/s MGM Networks Inc., USA
32	SET MAX	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05/06/2008	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
33	SET PIX	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05/06/2008	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
34	SAB	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05/06/2008	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
35	ANIMAX	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05/06/2008	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
36	AXN	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05/06/2008	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
37	SONY ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION-SET	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05/06/2008	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
38	SIX	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	18/07/2011	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)

39	MIX	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	18/07/2011	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
40	PAL (earlier SAB HD)	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	27/02/2012	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
41	SIX HD	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	27/02/2012	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
42	MAX 2 (earlier MAX HD)	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	27/02/2012	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
43	PIX HD	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	27/02/2012	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
44	SET HD	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	27/02/2012	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
45	SONY ESPN HD (Earlier MIX HD)	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	15/12/2015	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
46	SAB HD	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	15/12/2015	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
47	MAX HD	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	16/12/2015	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
48	SONY ESPN 2 HD (Earlier SAB BANGLA)	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	15/02/2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
49	SAB TAMIL	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	19.02.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
50	SAB PUNJABI	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	22.02.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
51	SAB MARATHI	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	24.02.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)

52	SAB TELUGU	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	24.02.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
53	SONY WAH	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	17.03.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
54	SONY ESPN 2 (EARLIER: SONY ROX)	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	29.03.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
55	SIX 2	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	06.04.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
56	Le Plex HD	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	02.08.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
57	Sony Rox HD	SONY PICTURES NETWORK INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05.08.2016	M/s Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Singapore)
58	VOYAGES TELEVISION	NEON SOLUTION PVT. LTD	NON-NEWS	11/09/2008	M/s Television Voyages Same Ltd., Mauritius
59	FTV.COM INDIA	NEON SOLUTION PVT. LTD	NON-NEWS	11/09/2008	M/s FTV BVI, British Virgin Island
60	GRANADA TV	NEW DELHI TELEVISION LIMITED	NON-NEWS	22/12/2010	M/s Granada ITV International Channel (Asia) Limited, London
61	TRACE SPORTS HD (TRACE TV)	NEW DELHI TELEVISION LIMITED	NON-NEWS	22/12/2010	M/s Trace TV Societe Anonyme, France
62	KBS WORLD	NOIDA SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARK LTD.	NEWS	11/01/2008	M/s Korean Broadcasting System, Seoul.
63	NHK WORLD TV	NOIDA SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARK LTD.	NEWS	25/03/2008	M/s NHK Japan Broadcasting Corporation, Tokyo
64	NHK WORLD PREMIUM	NOIDA SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARK LTD.	NEWS	26/03/2008	M/s NHK Japan Broadcasting Corporation, Tokyo
65	HOPE TV	NOIDA SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARK LTD.	NON-NEWS	11/11/2009	M/s Adventist Television Network Inc., USA

66	Arirang TV	PLANET E-SHOP HOLDINGS INDIA LIMITED	NEWS	06/08/2008	M/s Korean Broadcasting Foundation, Republic of Korea
67	MIRACLENET	PLANET E-SHOP HOLDINGS INDIA LIMITED	NON-NEWS	06/11/2008	M/s Korean Broadcasting Foundation, Republic of Korea
68	CCTV NEWS	PLANETCAST MEDIA SERVICES LIMITED (EARLIER: ESSEL SHYAM COMMUNICATION LIMITED)	NEWS	07/01/2008	M/s China Central Television, Beijing
69	FOOD FIRST (Earlier known as REAL TV)	REAL GLOBAL BROADCASTING PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	23/12/2008	M/s Real Global Broadcasting Pvt. Ltd., Hong Kong
70	G7 SPV (Earlier known as B TV)	SPV COMMUNICATIONS INDIA LIMITED	NON-NEWS	27/12/2006	M/s SPV Communications India Ltd., India (channel being uplinked from Israel)
71	TEN 1 (earlier TEN SPORTS)	TAJ TELEVISION (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	NON-NEWS	27/03/2008	M/s Taj TV Ltd., Mauritius
72	TEN 1 HD (earlier TEN HD)	TAJ TELEVISION (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	NON-NEWS	03/10/2011	M/s Taj TV Ltd., Mauritius
73	TEN GOLF HD (earlier TEN GOLF)	TAJ TELEVISION (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	NON-NEWS	04/10/2011	M/s Taj TV Ltd., Mauritius
74	TEN 2 (earlier TEN ACTION)	TAJ TELEVISION (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	NON-NEWS	27/02/2012	M/s Taj TV Ltd., Mauritius
75	TEN 3 (earlier TEN 2 HD)	TAJ TELEVISION (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	NON-NEWS	09.02.2016	M/s Taj TV Ltd., Mauritius
76	TRAVEL CHANNEL	TRAVEL CHANNEL INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	NON-NEWS	08/11/2011	M/s Travel Channel Internationa Ltd., Hongkong
77	CNN INTERNATIONAL	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NEWS	13/06/2008	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
78	TOONAMI (Earlier known as BOOMERANG)	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	13/06/2008	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
79	POGO	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	13/06/2008	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong

80	TCM TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	13/06/2008	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
81	CARTOON NETWORK	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	13/06/2008	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
82	HBO	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	08/07/2008	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
83	WB	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	05/02/2009	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
84	HBO HD (Earlier HBO HITS HD)	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	13/08/2012	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
85	HBO DEFINED HD	TURNER INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT. LTD.	NON-NEWS	13/08/2012	M/s Turner Braodcasting System Asia Pacific Inc., (TBSAP), Hong Kong
86	ZEE CAFE	ZEE ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES	NON-NEWS	31/01/2008	M/s Asia Today Ltd,(Mauritius)
87	ZEE STUDIO	ZEE ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES	NON-NEWS	31/01/2008	M/s Asia Today Ltd,(Mauritius)
88	LIVING ZEN (EARLIER: VERIA LIVING)	ZEE ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES	NON-NEWS	28/07/2015	M/s Expand Fast Holding (Singapore) Pte Ltd.
89	ZEE CAFÉ HD	ZEE ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES	NON-NEWS	07/07/2015	M/s Expand Fast Holding (Singapore) Pte Ltd.