

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1374  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016)**

**FREE-TO-AIR CHANNELS**

**1374. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:  
PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:  
SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of Doordarshan free-to-air channels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the total number of channels broadcasted on Doordarshan DTH as on date?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING**

**{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.) }**

(a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that at present, there are 34 TV channels of Doordarshan (DD) and all of them are free-to-air. A new 24 x 7 Satellite TV Channel "DD Arunprabha" is proposed to be launched soon.

(d) As on date, Doordarshan is operating DD Free Dish, a Free-To-Air DTH service with 80 TV Channels.

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