

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1045
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018)**

SHARING OF SATELLITE TRANSPONDERS

1045. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to allow the sharing of satellite transponders and earth station facilities by a Direct to Home (DTH) operator with other DTH players and distribution platforms and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the extent to which the sharing of transponders is likely to address the demand-supply mismatch and reduce both capital and operating expenditure of the companies and spur competition?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued recommendations on sharing of Infrastructure in Television broadcasting distribution sector on 29.03.2017. These recommendations are available on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has not received any proposal from DTH operators for sharing of satellite transponders and earth station facilities with other DTH players and distribution platforms.
- (b) Enabling sharing of infrastructure may address the issue of demand-supply mismatch and reduce capital and operating expenditure of the service provider to an appreciable extent.
