GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4423

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023)

VIEWERSHIP OF DOORDARSHAN

4423. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether the Doordarshan's viewership has been declining sharply in recent years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and measures taken by the Government to arrest this decline; and
- (c) the details of revenue generated in Doordarshan through advertisements during the last five years and the current year and break-up-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that there has been fluctuating trend in viewership among the Doordarshan channels and the viewership for DD Retro, DD Sports & DD Punjabi channels are in rising trend since 2021 onwards. Doordarshan has been revamping the content of the channels both at National and Regional levels to enhance viewership.

A number of mega shows have been launched along with new serials to attract viewers across different segments. Doordarshan is also strengthening its marketing vertical for publicity of programmes.

(c) The revenue generated in Doordarshan through advertisements during the last five financial years is Rs.2077.02 crore and the revenue for the current year upto January, 2023 is Rs.155.36 crore.
