

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3028**

**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2023)**

**FREE DOORDARSHAN DTH CONNECTIONS**

**3028. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:**

**Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to give free Doordarshan Direct-To-Home (DTH) connections and facilitate better mobile connectivity in the far flung villages along the Indo-China border;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to distribute over 1.5 lakh free dish connections in the said villages?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND**

**MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

**(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

**(a) to (c): The Government has approved continuation of the Central Sector Scheme 'Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND)' with an outlay of Rs.2539.61 crore for the period 2021-26 with various components including free distribution of over 8 lakh DD Free Dish Set Top Boxes (STBs) to people living in remote, tribal, Left Wing Extremism affected, border areas in consultation with State Governments.**

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