

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1981

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2019)

NATIONAL DOORDARSHAN CHANNEL

1981. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) the present status of the programmes of National
Doordarshan channel and the number of its viewers;**
- (b) whether the Government has allocated/released any
amount for improving the programme content of the said
channel and number of viewers; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE
CHANGE; MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING;
AND MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) At present, Doordarshan has 35 operating satellite TV channels which includes 6 all India channels, 17 regional channels, 11 State networks and 1 International channel. These are available on DD FreeDish and approximately 33 million households have access to DD FreeDish throughout the country.

(b) & (c): Government has allocated Rs.234.51 crore to Doordarshan for content development under the scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” for the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20.
