

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4152
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019)

DD NATIONAL CHANNEL

4152. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) the present status of the programmes and the numbers of
viewers of DD National Channel;**
- (b) whether the Government has allocated/released any funds
for improving the programme content/increasing the
numbers of viewers of the above channel; 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.
