

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2203**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

**REGULATING POLICY FOR NEWS CHANNELS**

**2203. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:**

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

- (a) the number of news channels in the country in each language and the names of channels;
- (b) the ownership details of each news channel in the country; and
- (c) whether there is any policy that controls and regulates the operations of news channels in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND  
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

**(DR. L. MURUGAN )**

(a) to (b): The number of news channels in the country is 405.

The list of satellite news channels in the country, language-wise along with the ownership details is available in the Public domain i.e. Broadcast Seva Portal of the Ministry at <https://new.broadcastseva.gov.in/digigov-portal-web-app/webHP?requestType=ApplicationRH&actionVal=userInformationSystem&screenId=2>.

(c): Yes. "Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Satellite Television Channels in India, 2022" is the policy that controls and regulates the operations of news channels in the country. The said policy is also available in the public domain, i.e. website of the Ministry at <https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-05/uplinking-and-downlinking-guidelines-2022-english.pdf>.

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