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With a view to bringing the institution of Parliament nearer to the people, two separate dedicated satellite Channels were launched on 14 December, 2004 for the live telecast of the entire proceedings of the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha nation-wide by Doordarshan. A landmark was achieved in the history of telecasting of parliamentary proceedings when the then Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Somnath Chatterjee, in consultation with Leaders of political parties represented in the Lok Sabha, decided that the Lok Sabha should have its own Television Channel, independent of Doordarshan. Accordingly, a Transmission Room and a Studio were set up in the Parliament Library Building from where the live proceedings of the Lok Sabha received from the production Control Room in Parliament House through Optical Fibre Connectivity and programmes recorded in the Studio are being transmitted.

A sophisticated robotic camera system with a studio set up in Parliament House for the live telecast of the complete proceedings of Parliament had become operational with effect from the Winter Session of Parliament in 1997 and, after the inception of the Lok Sabha Television (LSTV) Channel, the Production Control Room was upgraded by the High Definition Technology Equipment from the Monsoon Session of 2007. There are ten robotic cameras which are operated by remote control from the state-of-the-art studio set up in Parliament House. The televised proceedings of the Lok Sabha are properly captioned/titled through the Modern Graphics System, also installed in Parliament House. Since 11 May, 2006, besides the live telecast of the Lok Sabha proceedings, several programmes are being telecast on the Lok Sabha Television Channel.

The LSTV became functional as a 24 hour Channel from 24 July, 2006 with various value-added, interesting and informative programmes. The Lok Sabha Television Channel is a unique Channel as it is owned and operated by a House of Parliament.

In addition to the live telecast of proceedings of the Lok Sabha and other significant events in Parliament, such as the Address of the President to both Houses of Parliament sitting together at the commencement of the first Session of each year, the Channel also features various informative, interactive and substantial value-added programmes of general interest on issues relating to democracy and governance, social, economic and constitutional issues and citizens' concerns not seen on any parliamentary channel in the world.

### **Programmes:**

- **Namaste Bharat** (Hindi) : One hour morning live studio based discussion on lead stories on newspapers.
- **Agenda** (Hindi): One hour live studio based discussion with Members of Parliament on business of the day's proceedings of the House, aired during Parliament session.
- **Insight** (Hindi): One hour noon show with panel of guests on current national, international, business and other issues.

- **Lok Manch** (Hindi): One hour studio based Live show with panel of guests on current topics (national & international). Focus is generally on prominent national news of the day. Show includes a overall package and graphics on the issue to explain the background of the issue.
- **Public Forum** (English): Half an hour studio based Live English chat show with panel of guests on current topics (national & international). Show includes an overall package on the issue to explain the viewers.
- **Swasthya Bharat** : One hour Live show with healthcare experts based on critical health problems, diet & nutrition. This is a call-in-show where viewers can get expert's views on causes, symptoms and treatment of the ailments. Government initiatives on health issues is also discussed.
- **Dateline** : Half hour weekly programme on key debates of the House. Show includes discussion on the bills passed by the House, discussion held under other devices of Parliamentary procedures like Rule 193 and other important highlights. The show is telecast during Session period.
- **Sahitya Sansar** : Half an hour weekly Hindi literary show which features interview of a litterateur, with discussions on literary journeys and memories.
- **Nyaya Chakra** : Studio based discussion with legal experts on landmark court verdicts. An overall package on case study is created for understanding of the viewers.
- **Yog Nirog** : –Programme on Yoga, Ayurveda and Naturopathy. Experts give a demo on *asanas* and other methods to deal with the health issues.
- **World This Week** (English) : The programme features the week's top international news. In the programme, one can find news from around the globe at one place.
- **Duniya Is Hafte** (Hindi) : The programme features the week's top international news in Hindi. In the programme, one can find news from around the globe at one place.
- **Desh Duniya** : Half an Hour weekly programme showcasing culture, traditions, fairs & adventurous activities across the globe.
- **Astitva**: Programme based on discussion with environment experts on preserving ecology.
- **Quest for Wonder** : Covers prominent news from the world of science. The programme brings you latest discoveries, inventions & reports on pioneering research from the world of science.
- **Khelo Bharat** : Weekly programme focusing on sports events around the week. Discussion with sports experts analyzing all national and international sports events.

- **House Highlights** : Live show after House adjourns for the day - Wrap up of Parliament proceedings of the day. The programme is telecast during Session days.
- **Roving Camera** : Weekly programme covering activities and events in and around Parliament.
- **Vishesh** : LSTV Special Half an Hour programme on issues of public concern. It showcases government's initiatives in different areas and its implementation.
- **Sansad Se Samvaad** : Up-close and personal with Parliamentarians. One-on-one dialogue with Members of Parliament, discussing their political journey, challenges they face and their contributions towards their respective constituencies.
- **Jan Paksh** : Weekly one hour audience based panel discussion on issues of common social interest especially focusing rural Bharat.
- **Bharat Ki Awaz** : Weekly one hour audience based panel discussion on issues of common social interest especially focusing urban Bharat.
- **Shoonya Se Shikhar Tak** : Interview based profile programme with women achievers, their contributions, journey of fighting odds, inspiration, passions and strengths.
- **Saksham Bharat** : A show based on preparedness, challenges, missions & achievements of forces of our country.
- **Itihas Ke Pannon Se**: The programme is based on historical events, memorable dates, monuments and historians.
- **In the House** : One hour Live show with Members of Parliament on business conducted in Lok Sabha from 11am till the House adjourns for the lunch.
- **Sansad Aur Hum** : Parliamentary procedures form a foundation where people in a vibrant democracy like ours aspire to fulfil their dreams. This is a half an hour programme which focuses on day-to-day working of the House.
- **Prernadaee Vyaktitva** : A programme on inspirational icons of India. Patriotic in flavor and biography format, the programme incorporates the story of the icon from childhood to death.
- **Public Domain** : A lecture based programme shot on different locations and veterans from respective fields. It covers informative lectures.
- **Bharat Ki Awaaj** : An audience based programme, where issues concerning common people are discussed.
- **Vigyaan Ke Aayaam** : Get top news from world of science in Hindi. We bring you latest discoveries, inventions & reports from the world of science.

- **Bahas Sansad Ki** : Programme based on the legislations taken up for discussion in Lok Sabha.
- **NFDC Film** : Award winning and critically acclaimed feature films made by support of NFDC in different Indian languages are broadcast on weekends. The aim is to promote films made in Indian regional languages.
- **PSBT Film** : Public service Broadcasting Trust (PSBT) is a non-governmental, non-profitable trust with the mission to create and sustain a credible space for public service broadcasting in India. LSTV broadcasts PSBT documentaries on various issues of interest to common man.
- **CFSI Film** : Educative films targeting children, provided by Children Film Society of India, are telecast.
- **Kala Samvaad** : An art based programme based on interview of renowned performing artists, musicians, painters and classical dancers.
- **Bharat Drishti** : A discussion based show on the Bharatiya perspective of different aspects of society, life and nation. The programme rediscovers the roots of scientific Bharatiya tradition.
- **Ubharta Purvottar** : Documentary based programme on the seven sister states of North-East India. The documentaries showcase the beauty, culture, economy, society and life of North-Eastern India.
- **Around the World** : Half an Hour weekly programme in English showcasing culture, tradition, fairs & adventurous activities across the globe.
- **Samvidhan Quiz** : Programme to raise awareness among the youth regarding the Constitution of India. Schools of different states participate in the show. Three teams are selected from the school and questioned in three phases. At the closing of the programme, the winning team is awarded the trophy and certificates.
- **Global Review** : An international affairs programme. Current international stories and issues related to the foreign diplomacy are discussed with the guest panelists.
- **Conference Room** : The studio set-up in form of press conference, where a celebrity is interviewed. Questions are asked by a panel of news personnel and experts. Ministers, Members of Parliament and well-known faces of a particular field are invited in the show.

### **Reach of the Lok Sabha Television**

Lok Sabha Television has a wide reach cutting across regions, age, gender, etc. Amendments in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 have been made, making it compulsory for each cable operator in the nation to carry LSTV on their cable network. The LSTV is also available on all DTH platforms, Multi System Operators (MSOs) and Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) broadband cable platforms all over India.

## **LSTV Website and App**

To enhance the reach of the Channel, a dedicated App was launched and the website of Lok Sabha TV Channel was relaunched by Lok Sabha Speaker Smt. Sumitra Mahajan on 11 September, 2018. The website ([www.loksabhatv.nic.in](http://www.loksabhatv.nic.in)) has placed the LSTV Channel on the internet domain to extend its reach to wider audience, particularly the younger audience.

## **Lok Sabha Television as a Public Broadcaster**

The Lok Sabha Television is not a revenue earning channel on the line of private channels, but works on the principles of a public broadcaster so as to cater to the masses and to that section of the nation that is interested in the day to day working of Parliament, debates on social issues, discussions on international affairs, views of visiting dignitaries, documentaries on culture, common man issues etc. In pursuance of these objectives, a very nominal fee is charged from private television networks who show interest to telecast/broadcast the proceedings live/recorded or to use the recorded excerpts/footage of parliamentary proceedings, by allowing them to use the feed on certain terms and conditions. However, Doordarshan is allowed to use all footage free of any charge.

## **Organisational Structure of the LSTV Channel**

Lok Sabha Television functions under the overall supervision of a Chief Executive, Lok Sabha Television. The broad divisions of the Lok Sabha Television are:

- Programming / Production Division: The Division is responsible for producing and recording of programmes.
- Marketing Division: The Division is responsible for coordination with various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for generating revenue for Lok Sabha Television Channel and other marketing related activities.
- Distribution Division: The Division is responsible for distribution of LSTV signal through cable network throughout the country.
- Technical Division: The Division is responsible for transmission of LSTV signal and other technical matters relating to the Channel.

## **Lok Sabha Television Channel Unit**

The Lok Sabha Satellite TV Channel Unit was created on 24 November, 2005 for dealing with various activities relating to further development, financing, management, promotion and other related aspects of the Channel. The Unit has been designated as the Nodal Branch for setting up and providing all support for running the Channel smoothly and successfully.

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