

7. It will be compulsory for a cable TV network to carry all Doordarshan signals which are available in the area through terrestrial transmitters ;
8. The distribution of programmes through cable TV networks should be brought within the definition of "Public Exhibition". This may call for making suitable EmendmeDts in related enactments ;
9. The copyright act may be suitably amended for providing distribution of programmes through cable TV networks as a distinct category of copyright ; and
10. The requests received from Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Bodies for establishment of Dish-Antenna systems to receive TV signals from foreign satellites for the benefit of foreign experts employed in these organisations may continue to be considered on case to case basis in consultation with the Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs and Information & Broadcasting.

**The impact of BBC (WST),
Satellite TV. and C.N.N, on Doordarshan**

542. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN
PILLAI :

DR. ABRAR AHMED :
CHOWDHRY HARI
SINGH ;

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be
pleased to state ;

(a) what is the impact of BBC world
service Television (WST) the Satellite
Television Asian Region, GNN etc. on our
Doordarshan viewers ;

(b) whether Government have conducted
any studies in this regard ; if so, the details
thereof ; and

(c) what steps Doordarshan propose to
take to improve further the quality of the
Doordarshan programmes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA
VYAS) : (a) and (b) Programmes from CNN,
STAR TV etc. are available only to those
viewers of Doordarshan who have installed a
suitable dish antenna. Doordarshan has not
conducted any study to assess the impact of
these programmes on those who view them.

(c) Constant efforts continue to be made
to upgrade the technology and to bring about
qualitative improvement in the programme
content and format of Doordarshan so as to
sustain the interest of its viewers.

Implementation of Prasar Bharati Act

543. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the
Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed a
dead line to implement the Prasar Bharati
Act ;

(b) whether Government propose to
bring about some amendments in the Act, if
so, the details thereof and by when these
amendments are likely to be introduced in the
Parliament ; and

(c) what are the recommendations of the
Committee set up by Government on
competition in electronic media and what are
Government's reactions thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA
VYAS) : (a) and (b) Many essential formalities
and amendments need to be completed and
various steps taken before the Prasar Bharati
Act can be implemented.