

violation of the 'Norms of Journalistic Conduct'. As per section 14 of the Act, the Council, after holding an inquiry, may warn, admonish or censure the newspaper, the news agency, the editor or the journalist or disapprove the conduct of the editor or the journalist as the case may be."

As guidelines are already in place, the issue of consultation with stakeholders to evolve any other transparent guidelines does not arise.

Recommendation of TRAI for DTH portability

1055. SHRI C.M. RAMESH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has made any recommendations for Direct to Home (DTH) portability like mobile number portability, for DTH consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when such a facility is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its recommendation on "Issues relating to New DTH Licenses" dated 23.07.2014 has *inter-alia* recommended that the DTH license conditions should mandate the licensee to comply with the tariff order/scheme prescribed by TRAI for commercial interoperability. Moreover, in order to ensure effective commercial interoperability, TRAI notified on 01 April 2015, a Tariff Order (TO), namely the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services (Seventh) (the Direct to Home Services) Tariff Order, 2015 (2 of 2015). The said TO prescribes a framework for commercial interoperability of Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) offered by the Direct-to-Home (DTH) operators to their subscribers. With regard to interoperability of DTH STBs, the interests of consumers can largely be protected through the provision of Commercial interoperability of CPEs. Commercial interoperability provides for an exit option to a DTH subscriber in case he wishes to change the operator/platform and avail the services from another DTH operator/platform for any reason. Details are available on TRAI website at www.trai.gov.in.

Free to air channels

1056. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to broadcast more than 600 channels as

free to air through new technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will operationalised in the country;

(c) whether consumer can view all these free channels without any monthly subscriptions, particularly poor families, who could not afford to any monthly subscription fees;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(e) whether Government is seriously considering any strategy to view all free to air channels, without monthly subscription, particularly poor family, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan is operating its free to air DTH service 'DD Free Dish' with a capacity of 64 TV Channels in its bouquet. All the channels are free to air and the viewers don't have to pay monthly subscription fee as in the case of Cable TV and Pay DTH.

Capacity of Doordarshan's DTH platform has recently been upgraded to 112 TV channels. Out of these, 64 Channels can be seen through now Digitally Addressable System (DAS) set top box.

Communication University

1057. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to establish a Communication University;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such a university is likely to start providing education in sectors related to media, films and animation; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to standardize the education system in the sectors related to journalism, media, films, animation and visual effects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up a communication university. However, there has been a demand from certain sections of media that a communication university be set up to