

Digital addressable system

2801. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has become the first state in the country to receive the Digital Addressable System, if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) whether any request has been received from Government of Bihar and Jharkhand in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) No, Sir. Cable TV Digitization has been mandated across the country in 4 phases as below:—

Phase I	Metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai	31st Oct., 2012.
Phase II	38 cities (with population more than one million)	31st March, 2013
Phase III	All other urban areas	31st January, 2017
Phase IV	Rest of India	31st March, 2017

(b) No, Sir.

Effects of GST on small budget films

2802. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently introduced GST would push up the cost of exhibition of films and affect the screening of small budget films; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider measures to promote small budget films and documentaries and also to ensure their screening in theatres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) The schedule of GST rates for service as approved by GST council provides that 28% with full Input Tax Credit (ITC) has been levied on exhibition of cinematographic films. However, in 16th meeting held on 11.06.2017, the GST Council has decided to levy 18% with full Input Tax Credit (ITC) on admission of cinematographic films where the consideration for admission is ₹ 100 or less.

(b) There is no plan scheme of Government of India for promotion of films and documentaries. Screening of films in theatres is under the purview of State Governments. The I&B Ministry holds documentary Film Festival once every two year and award the best documentaries.