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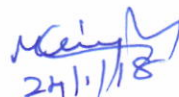
To

All TV Channels

Requests have been received in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for facilitating access to the differently abled people to the Speech of Hon'ble President of India on the eve of Republic Day on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 and to the commentary of Republic Day Ceremony/Parade on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 by carrying the telecast accompanied with sign language interpretation and English/Hindi closed captions to help them connect meaningfully with this important National Day.

2. Public broadcaster, Doordarshan, has indicated that DD Bharati will carry sign language interpretation of the President's Address to the nation on their channel from 07:00 pm to 07:30 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. It has further stated that on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, DD News will carry the sign language interpretation of the commentary on their channel from 09:00 am to 11.25 am (or till the end).

3. The media has always been in the forefront of taking up important issues concerning national integration, progress of disadvantaged sections of the society, etc. Therefore the feed of DD News/DD Bharati is being made available free of cost. All TV channels interested in carrying the live telecast of the Speech of Hon'ble President of India and Republic Day Parade with commentary, may carry the signals of DD Bharati/DD News with sign language interpretation and English/Hindi closed captions for the benefit of differently abled people and make the event accessible to them.

  
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