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All TV channels (by email)

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has been getting requests from members of the civil society to facilitate access to the people with hearing impairment to the telecast of the Independence Day Ceremony/Commentary accompanied with sign language interpretation on TV channels so that such people can be part of this glorious ceremony on this important National Day.

2. Public broadcaster, Doordarshan has informed that the DD News/DD Bharati channels will carry the sign language interpretation of the aforementioned event to provide access to the people with hearing impairment. DD News/DD Bharati will also let private satellite TV channels carry the feed of this event free of cost, if they wish to carry the same telecast.

3. The media has always been in the forefront to take up such important issues concerning national integration, unity and patriotism, etc.

4. All TV channels, interested in carrying the live telecast of the forthcoming Independence Day Ceremony/Commentary, may like to carry the signals of DD News/DD Bharati with sign language interpretation for the benefit of differently abled persons and make the event accessible to them.

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- Shri Rajat Sharma, President, News Broadcasters Association (NBA), Mantec House, 3rd Floor, C-56/5, Sector 62, NOIDA – 201307.
- Shri Puneet Goenka, President, The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), B-304, 3rd Floor, Ansal Plaza, Khelgaon Marg, New Delhi – 110049
- 3. Shri Rakesh Sharma, Association of Regional Television Broadcasters of India (ARTBI), B-116, Okhla Industrial Area Phase-I, New Delhi 110065
- Shri Anuj Jain, Executive Director, National Association of the Deaf (NAD), No.102, First Floor, Plot No.19-A, Vishal Complex, Patparganj Village, Opp. Una Enclave Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi – 110091 with reference to their letter No.NAD/DD-TV/2018-19 dated 7th August, 2018.