

**Prasar Bharati**  
**(India's Public Service Broadcaster)**  
**Directorate General: Doordarshan**  
**Doordarshan Bhawan,**  
**Copernicus Marg: New Delhi**

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**Notice**

**Subject: Notice inviting applications for allotment of MPEG-4 slots of DD Free Dish DTH Platform for the period from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023**

1. Prasar Bharati invites applications for allotment of MPEG-4 slots of DD Free Dish DTH Platform for the period from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023 through 4<sup>th</sup> annual e-auction process (57<sup>th</sup> e-auction) to be tentatively held from 10.02.2022
2. The e-auction will be conducted in accordance with policy guidelines for allotment of DD Free Dish slots, notified on 15.01.2019 and as amended vide amendment notified on 30.03.2019, 01.11.2020 & 22.02.2021 which are available on the website, <http://prasarbharati.gov.in>.
3. Only satellite channels licensed by the Ministry of I&B would be allowed to participate in the e-auction. Only companies holding valid permission from Ministry of I&B or their authorized distributor partners can apply for participation in e-auction for allocation of DD Free Dish slot. In case the applicant company is other than licensee, the document/agreement signed between license Holder Company and applicant company authorizing the applicant/bidder for distribution of the channel and bidding on behalf of the licensee must be submitted.
4. International Public Broadcasters licensed by the Ministry of I & B can also participate in e-auction.
5. The channel provider shall be required to notify viewers of the need to use the Prasar Bharati authorized Set-top-Boxes (STBs).
6. Prasar Bharati reserves all rights to restrict access of MPEG-4 signals to unauthorized STBs at any point of time.
7. Change of name and or logo of a channel placed on DD Free Dish may be allowed subject to necessary permissions from Ministry of I & B. However, no change in genre (Language) of channel, declared by applicant at the time of bidding, will be permissible.
8. Bidding in the e-auction of MPEG-4 slots will be open to all genre (language) Channels at reserve price of Rs. 50.0 Lakhs/annum
9. Interested broadcasters may apply online at <https://fdslots.prasarbharati.org> and upload all requisite documents as prescribed in the application. Please note that it is mandatory to pay the non-refundable processing fee of Rs.25,000/- online at above portal to submit the application. The participation fee of Rs. 10.0 Lakhs (Rupees ten lakhs only) is to be paid only through Demand Draft. A copy of the participation fee demand draft is to be uploaded online.
10. Before, starting filling up of online application, please ensure that copies of all documents provided in ANNEXURE-1, including participation fee Demand Draft, are available with you in **pdf format** for uploading.

11. After submission of online application, the original demand draft for participation fee along with printout of acknowledgement for submission of online application, which will be sent to you on your authorized e-mail, is to be submitted in sealed cover either in person or by Speed/Registered Post addressed to Director (Platforms), Room No. 601, Tower-A, Directorate General: Doordarshan, Doordarshan Bhawan, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001 **latest by 08.02.2022 (Tuesday) by 03.00 P.M.**
12. Online training will be provided to all eligible participants before the commencement of actual e-Auction.
13. If required, Prasar Bharati can extend e-Auction to the next day or as the case may be.
14. For details like e-auction process, terms & conditions and payment schedule etc. please refer to policy guidelines available on the website <http://prasarbharati.gov.in>.
15. Prasar Bharati reserve the rights to accept/reject/cancel/amend the e-Auction/slot at any time during the e-Auction or after e-Auction.
16. For unsuccessful bidders, participation fee will be refunded within three weeks after the declaration of the results of e-auction.
17. After the successful conduct of e-auction, a Letter of Allotment will be issued by Prasar Bharati to the successful bidder along with the payment schedule for payment of bid amount and prescribed format of agreement to be signed between Prasar Bharati & bidder.
18. Every successful bidder will be required to sign an Agreement with Prasar Bharati in two original copies within 15 days of issue of Letter of Allotment. The prescribed format of the Agreement is available on the website <https://prasarbharati.gov.in>.
19. Successful channels will be placed on vacant Logical Channel Numbers (LCNs) of DD Free Dish. After completion of e-auction, successful channel may apply giving three options in the order of preference for allotment of LCN. However, this does not guarantee for placement of successful channel on preferences given for LCN. All such requests shall be considered by Prasar Bharati in accordance with prescribed procedure for allotment/allotment/change of LCN to private TV channels, which is available on the website <https://prasarbharati.gov.in>. Prasar Bharati's decision in this regard shall be final.
20. Successful bidders shall be required to make payments in ten (10) monthly installments as per payment schedule prescribed under clause (5) of the policy guidelines for allotment of DD Free Dish slots which will also be part of Letter of Allotment. Each installment will be 1/10 of difference of bid amount and participation fee.
21. In case of any instalments not paid within the scheduled dates, a notice to this effect shall be issued to the defaulter to deposit the payment due along with interest @ 14.5% per annum, as provided in clause 5.3 of policy guidelines, within seven days. Interest @ 14.5% per annum shall be charged from the due date of payment. The interest shall be charged for the entire month for a payment default of seven days or part thereof. In case the instalment due along with the interest is not paid within seven days from its scheduled due date, the Participation Fee along with any instalment already deposited by the Broadcaster/Channel till that date, will be forfeited and the channel will be discontinued from DD Free Dish Platform without any further notice and the channel will have no right to be carried on DD Free Dish on vacated slot.

22. Successful channel will be placed on DD Free Dish after receipt of payment for 1st instalment of carriage fee. In case the Channel Provider fails to place its channel on its allocated slot within one month of the allotment commencement date, the allotment shall stand cancelled automatically and the Participation Fee along with any instalment already deposited shall be forfeited
23. In case the Channel Provider withdraws his channel prematurely or terminates the contract prematurely the Participation Fee shall be forfeited along with any instalment already deposited
24. Successful Channels will be required to arrange their own IRD Box in advance at DTH Earth Station, Todapur, New Delhi, to place their Channel on DD Free Dish Platform.
25. The Last Date for submission of applications and original Demand Draft is **08.02.2022 (Tuesday) latest by 03.00 P.M.**



Inderjeet Grewal  
Director (Platforms)

## **ANNEXURE-1**

### **list of documents required to be uploaded with online application**

**Please keep PDF copies of following documents ready with you before starting filling up of application on the portal.**

1. Copy of Downlinking permission of the TV channel issued by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. In case period of permission has expired, please also provide copy of downlink renewal permission/payment of fee for renewal
2. Copy of Uplinking permission of the TV channel issued by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (If channel is uplinked from India). In case period of permission has expired, please also provide copy of renewal permission.
3. Copy of logo of channel permitted by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. In case of change of name/logo, please also provide permission for change of name/logo of the channel.
4. Document with regard to relationship of bidder/Applicant company with licensee of the TV channel.
5. Authority letter from the licensee of the channel in case applicant company is not the licensee.
6. Undertaking in the format provided with the notice inviting applications.
7. Authority letter in respect of person with phone no and email id authorising to bid in e- auction on behalf of Bidder Company, in the format given in the notice inviting applications
8. Copy of PAN No. of applicant company.
9. Copy of GST Registration of applicant company
10. Non-refundable processing fee of Rs.25,000/- is to be mandatorily paid online at <https://fdslots.prasarbharati.org> before submission of application.
11. Copy of Demand Draft of Rs.10.0 Lakhs (Rupees ten lakhs only) towards participation fee from any scheduled bank in favour of PB (BCI) Doordarshan Commercial Service, New Delhi.

***Note: Files only in PDF format can be uploaded. The size of each file should not exceed 1.0 MB.***

**Format for Undertaking**

I/We on behalf of ..... hereby undertake that we have applied for participation in e-auction process being held on..... for allotment of slot of DD Free Dish slot to the channel .....

We undertake that the satellite TV channel ..... (name of channel) licensed by Ministry of I & B to M/s ..... pertains to..... Genre/language.

We further confirm that the information contained in the bidder registration form or any part thereof, including its exhibits, and other documents and instruments delivered to Prasar Bharati/Doordarshan is true, accurate, verifiable and complete. This response includes all information necessary to ensure that the statements therein do not in whole or in part mislead the department in its allotment process.

We fully understand and agree to comply that on verification, if any of the information provided here is found to be misleading or conflicting, we are liable to be dismissed from the e-auction process or cancellation of DD Free Dish slot during the period of allocation, if allotted a slot.

Signature:

Date  
: (Organisation  
Seal)  
(Name)

**FORMAT FOR CERTIFICATE AS TO AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES**

I,....., the Secretary/President of .....,  
certify that Ms/Mr. .... who signed  
the application and having authorized email id & Mobile Number provided below is  
authorized to do so and bind the organisation by authority of its board/ governing  
body.

Authorised email id:

Mobile Number:

Signature:

Date: (Organisation Seal)

(Name)