

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to reopen the Doordarshan Kendra at Shantiniketan, Bolpur, West Bengal.

SHRI ASIT KUMAR MAL (BOLPUR): Venerable Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji, the then Prime Minister gave a start to introduce a television centre at Santiniketan in order to broadcast the message, doctrine and culture of Kobi Guru Rabindranath Tagore home and abroad.

Shri Muktar Abbas Naqvi, the then hon. Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Somnath Chatterjee, hon. Member of Parliament as the Chief Guest and Prof. Dilip Kumar Singh, the then Vice Chancellor of Visva Bharati University had inaugurated Doordarshan Kendra, Santiniketan on Sunday, the 19th August, 1998. But it is very unfortunate that Doordarshan Kendra, Santiniketan has been closed.

Consequently, I would like to draw the kind attention and request the hon. Prime Minister to restore Doordarshan Kendra Santiniketan for the greater interest of the human kind.

Thank you, Sir.