

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to start the operation of Amruthavarshini channel as an independent Chennal.

SHRI TEJASVI SURYA (BANGALORE SOUTH): Sir, as a part of the rationalisation exercise, Prasar Bharati is merging some radio stations with bigger ones. As a part of that exercise, one local classical music airing channel from Bengaluru called Amruthavarshini which predominantly was airing Carnatic classical music has been merged with another channel called Ragam, and many artists who were dependent on this channel have now lost out on opportunities. My request to the Government is to kindly make arrangements to restart operations of Amruthavarshini as an independent channel and provide for a platform and an opportunity for all the local talents who were performing on the platform of the erstwhile channel. The channel enjoyed great listenership both inside of this country and among the NRI population. Therefore, I once again request the authorities concerned to restart the operations of Amruthavarshini channel.