

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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ROLE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have examined the role of electronic media including foreign T.V. channels during the hijacking crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are satisfied with the role of electronic media in such crisis; and
- (d) if not, the further steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) and (b) : Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has not carried out a formal analysis of the role of electronic media during the hijacking crisis. However, there have been press reports criticizing conduct of some of the channels.
- (c) and (d) : Prasar Bharati played a responsible, and constructive role during the hijacking crisis. The Government expects the electronic media to behave responsibly and in a fair manner on their own.