

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3962  
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001  
NEWS IN MAITHALI  
KIRTI (JHA) AZAD

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether All India Radio Patna broadcasts news in Maithali which is largely spoken in Maithlanchal;
- (b) if so, the number of days the news in Maithali is broadcast in a week;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to broadcast news in Maithali daily; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

- (a) & (b): No Sir. However, News bulletin in Maithili prepared by Regional News Unit at AIR Patna is broadcast from AIR, Darbhanga thrice a week, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, for a duration of 5 minutes at 1815 – 1820 hours.
- (c): No Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.