

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

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MALAYALAM PROGRAMME ON DOORDARSHAN  
A.K. PREMAJAM

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Malayalam Programme on National Doordarshan has been stopped abruptly;
- (b) if so, the reason therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard and direct the Doordarshan authorities to revive the programme?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that only the VLPT at Lakshdweep has stopped relaying Malayalam programmes. On the request of viewers from the Islands, DD National Programmes (DD-I) are being relayed.