

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2423  
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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE WITH NRIS ON MEDIA  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Minister while addressing the NRIs/PIOs during a recent conference has suggested consolidation of efforts towards positioning the ethnic media internationally;
- (b) if so, whether the NRIs and PIOs have made number of complaints against the media;
- (c) if so, the extent to which the Minister was able to remove those doubts; and
- (d) the extent to which the NRIs and PIOs have agreed to invest more on media and films?

**Answer**

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

- (a) During the conference it was mentioned that the ethnic media is an important and credible medium for communication between India and its diaspora on the one hand, and the Indian public and the foreign communities on the other.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b).
- (d) NRIs and PIOs have not made any commitment in this regard.