

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3317  
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CENTRAL MONITORING SERVICES OF AIR  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to take the Central Monitoring Services (CMS) out of All India Radio and turn it into an independent Media Unit;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether once the CMS becomes an independent Media Unit, CMS would be required to monitor the requirements of intelligence agencies in addition to its earlier tasks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Government has decided to delink Central Monitoring Services (CMS) from Prasar Bharati with effect from 1.4.2003. The Central Monitoring Services will now function directly under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

This change has been effected because of the need to monitor foreign radio and TV broadcasts and then make available relevant information to the various Ministries/Departments/Agencies of the Government of India.