

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3391  
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PROGRAMMES FROM KOKRAJHAR AIR KENDRA  
SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY

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

- (a) whether the local programmes are broadcast for less than four hours a day from Kokrajhar AIR Kendra;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the time from 4 hours to 8 hours for local programmes with a view to promote local Bodo culture;
- (c) whether the range of this Kokrajhar AIR Station is 50 Km. only;
- (d) if so, whether Government propose to enhance its range from 50 Km. to atleast 200 Km, sothat Bodo people living throughout North-Eastern Region may avail of this facility; and
- (e) if not the reason therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR, Kokrajhar is presently broadcasting 4 ½ hours of programmes daily which includes 3 ½ hours of local origination. At present, there is no proposal to increase the origination of local programmes due to various infrastructural and administrative constraints.
- (c) to (e): Prasar Bharati has informed that the range of Kokrajhar AIR Station is around 70 kms and it is not possible to enhance the range of the transmitter to 200 Kms., due to technical reasons.