

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3290
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SEMINAR ON MEDIA
CHADA SURESH REDDY

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

- (a) whether certain media experts in a seminar at Chandigarh have urged the journalist fraternity to understand its social responsibilities and try to contain as far as possible sensationalism and blowing communal incidents out of proportions;
- (b) if so, whether report of the seminar was sent to the Government; and
- (c) if so, the Government's response in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) It has been ascertained that a one day workshop on `Child Rights and Role of Media` was organised by the Chandigarh Journalists Association, affiliated to National Union of Journalists, on 7th October 2003, to consider the ethical and professional challenges and issues surrounding reporting on children. In the workshop; media experts had urged their colleagues to report items on children responsibly.
- (b) The report of the workshop was not sent to the Government.
- (c) Does not arise.