

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4325
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NEWS CORRESPONDENTS/REPORTERS AT GUWAHATI DDK
Borkataky Shri Narayan Chandra

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is no news correspondents/reporters at Guwahati for last few years;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies;
- (c) whether the regional news unit at Guwahati does not have a separate studio for news and for editing of visuals;
- (d) whether any proposal has been submitted to Prasar Bharati in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. It has not been found possible by Doordarshan to fill up the posts due to administrative exigencies. However, News Editor and Assistant News Editor at DDK Guwahati also function as Correspondents, whenever required. Apart from them, Correspondents are also deputed from other Kendras to cover important events.
- (c) to (f) Regional News Unit at DDK Guwahati has a separate small studio from where News Bulletins are telecast live. Upgradation of various facilities is a continuous process.