

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

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ASSISTANCE FROM HOUSE PRODUCTION FUND TO DDK GUWAHATI  
Borkatakya Shri Narayan Chandra

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a major portion of a house production funds of Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati from North Eastern Package (2003-2004) was given to DDK Guwahati only in January 2004;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay and steps taken to avoid non occurrence of such act in future;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that picture quality of the most of betacam cameras in DDK, Guwahati and PPC(NE) are very poor in comparison to the qualities of private channels;
- (d) if so, the number of betacam cameras in these two kendras with the years of purchase and the number of hours covered;
- (e) whether the Government propose to buy new cameras, new equipments and editing facilities for DDK Guwahati and PPC (NE) from the special package; and
- (f) if so, the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs.52,00,000/- for in-house production under PPSS (NE Package) was released on 3rd February 2004.
- (b): Delay was due to non-availability of sufficient funds. Therefore, funds had to be diverted to DDK, Guwahati from other Kendras in the North-east. In future Prasar Bharati would ensure that funds are released in time taking into account the budget projections by the various North-east Kendras including DDK, Guwahati.
- (c): Technical quality of Betacam Camcorders at DDK, Guwahati and PPC(NE) is reported to be satisfactory.
- (d): 10 Betacam Camcorders, 5 each for DDK, Guwahati and PPC(NE) were procured in phases between 1994 & 1998. Average utilization of Betacam Camcorders at DDK Guwahati and PPC (NE) is about 60 hrs/month and 20 hrs/month respectively.
- (e) & (f) : Whereas there is no plan to provide new cameras to DDK, Guwahati and PPC(NE) under the special package, other equipment including editing equipment for production facilities at DDK, Guwahati and PPC (NE) are envisaged to be provided under special package.