

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

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PROGRAMMES IN REGIONAL INDIAN LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to boost the programmes in regional Indian languages by motivating the private channels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) : Government does not play a role in motivating private Satellite TV Channels for programming in the regional languages. It is seen that many regional language private channels are also available now. Doordarshan also telecasts programmes in regional languages on its eleven regional language channels and eight State Network Channels.