

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ON DOORDARSHAN  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to telecast the educational programmes on Doordarshan from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in order to disseminate education through Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is also contemplating to include programmes related to technical education;
- (c) the prevailing time and duration of telecasting of educational programmes on Doordarshan; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the telecast time of these programmes?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that DD-Gyan Darshan Channel is already telecasting educational programmes 24 hours a day.
- b) Prasar Bharati has informed that DD-Gyan Darshan imparts technical education through one of its channel named 'EKLAVYA'. This channel is a 24-hour satellite channel and carries lectures delivered by IIT faculties of Engineering and Sciences for 8 hours duration and is repeated twice during the day to enable interested persons to watch these programmes as per their convenience.
- c) The list of educational programmes telecast on Doordarshan is as under:

On DD-I (National):

05.30 AM to 06.00 AM : (Daily) UGC Programmes.  
06.00 AM to 06.30 AM : (Daily) IGNOU Programmes.  
09.30 AM to 10.00 AM : (Monday to Friday) Adult Education Programmes.  
10.30 AM to 11.00 AM : (Monday to Friday) Educational TV Programmes.

On Regional Service:

Regional Kendras telecast programmes produced by State's Central Institute of Education and Training.

On DD-Bharati:

07.00 AM to 08.00 AM : Healthline - Monday & Tuesday.  
08.00 AM to 09.00 AM : Healthline - Wednesday to Sunday.

Above programmes are produced by Consortium for Education Communications and University Grants Commission.

(d) Prasar Bharati has informed that increase in telecast time is not envisaged at this stage.