

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1130  
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GUJARATI NEWS ON DD-I  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether the telecasting of Gujarati news on DD-I at 16 hrs. has been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received representations for re-starting the said news programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The 1600 hrs. regional News bulletins including that of Gujarat were stopped throughout the country in 2003, on account of launch of 24 hrs. News Channel on Doordarshan. However, Gujarati news bulletins continued to be telecast from 9.00 A.M. to 9.15 A.M. on DD Gujarati and 7.00 PM to 7.15 P.M. on DD-I.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise.