

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRESERVING OF IMMORTAL SONGS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati has any plan to preserve the immortal songs and speeches of Dada Saheb Phalke award winner, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika available in the different libraries of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD);
- (b) if so, the number of songs presently preserved by AIR and DD all over the country;
- (c) whether the Prasar Bharati has any proposal for commercial production of CDs/DVDs of the songs of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika;
- (d) if so, the time by which such CDs/ DVDs are likely to be made available to the public; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) has preserved 237 songs and 10 interviews of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. Doordarshan (DD) has also preserved his songs and light music programmes, a discussion, a documentary and interviews with him.
- (c) to (e): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the process of restoration and digitalization of programmes is being carried out by DD and AIR. Once the digitalization work is completed, the production of CDs/DVDs can start.