

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF LANGUAGE UNITS OF NSD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy/guidelines regarding shifting of the language units of News Services Division(NSD) of All India Radio(AIR) to regional units of AIR;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of language units of NSD of AIR functioning in the country, State-wise including Delhi;
- (d) whether some of such units have been shifted out of Delhi; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): News Services Division, All India Radio has informed that Prasar Bharati Board in its 64th meeting held on 3.2.2005, decided to shift those Indian Language Units to concerned Regional News Units (RNU) which were left with a strength of less than fifty per cent of the sanctioned strength of Newsreaders-cum-Translators (NRT) at NSD Headquarters.

(c): There are 18 Indian Language Units for national bulletins functioning in the country. Out of 18 Indian Language Units, 14 Indian Language Units i.e. Arunachali, Assamese, Bangali, Dogri, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil and Urdu are functioning from Delhi and one each from Ahmedabad (Sindhi), Hyderabad(Telugu), Bangalore(Kannada) and Panaji (Konkani).

(d)&(e): Yes Sir. Three Indian Language Units i.e. Telugu, Kannada and Sindhi have been shifted out of Delhi for the reasons mentioned in parts (a) and (b) above. Whereas Konkani Language Unit is functioning from Panaji since inception.