

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3766  
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SANSKRIT NEWS BULLETIN THROUGH FM  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the broadcasting frequency of Sanskrit News Bulletins from twice to thrice a day through FM of All India Radio(AIR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to popularise Sanskrit through AIR FM channels; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): All India Radio is broadcasting two news bulletins in Sanskrit at 0655 – 0700 hrs. and 1810 – 1815 hrs. daily from Delhi. The audio and text of these bulletins are also put on the News Services Division's Website [newsonair.nic.in](http://newsonair.nic.in). In addition, various AIR Stations are regularly broadcasting Sanskrit programmes including Sanskrit lessons. Prasar Bharati has informed that there is no Sanskrit news bulletin broadcast on FM Channel of All India Radio and there is no proposal to increase the broadcasting frequency of Sanskrit News Bulletin from twice to thrice on AIR.