

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

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SETTING UP OF ELECTRONIC NEWS GATHERING UNITS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several proposals have been received from different State Governments for setting up Electronic News Gathering (ENG) units in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Government on these proposals;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up some more ENG units in the country during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The proposals to set up the Electronic News Gathering (ENG) Units have been received for Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh), Shillong (Meghalaya), Panaji (Goa) and Silchar (Assam).
- (c) For setting up of the ENG Unit at Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh), the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has already posted a regular Indian Information Service (IIS) Officer at Doordarshan Kendra, Itanagar. The approval for Starting up the ENG Unit has already been accorded. ENG Units at Shillong (Meghalaya), Panaji (Goa) and Silchar (Assam) cannot presently be set up, as there are no sanctioned post of IIS.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Des not arise.