

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

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REGIONAL NEWS BULLETINS ON AIR/DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/Prasar Bharati(PB) proposes to telecast/ broadcast regional news bulletin through all the Doordarshan(DD)/All India Radio(AIR) Kendras of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, DD/AIR-wise and State-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) the steps/action taken by the Government/PB in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which such bulletin is likely to be telecast/broadcast through the said Kendra, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that 44 Regional News Units (RNUs) of News Services Division, All India Radio(AIR) produce/broadcast regional news bulletins. Regional news bulletins are also produced/broadcast from AIR Kargil. Doordarshan telecast news bulletins through 24 RNUs and one News Bureau, Chandigarh. Details are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): 7 Regional News Units of AIR are being set up at Jodhpur, Rajkot, Vishakhapatnam, Darbhanga, Sambalpur, Passighat and Kargil for production/ broadcast of regional news bulletins during 11th Five Year Plan. Doordarshan is taking steps to operationalise daily news bulletins from Itanagar and Shillong.