

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3260  
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VACANT POSTS OF URDU NEWSREADERS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of posts of Urdu newsreaders and other staff are lying vacant for a long time in different Doordarshan (DD) Kendras of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which the Urdu broadcasting services of DD is being affected as a result; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill the vacant posts?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As far as Doordarshan News and Regional News Units (Lucknow, Patna, Kolkata, Srinagar and Hyderabad) from where Urdu News Bulletins are telecast, are concerned, no posts of Urdu Newsreaders and other staff are vacant.
- (b) to (d) Do not arise.