

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

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PROGRAMMES FROM SHIMLA DDK
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether transmission of programmes from Shimla Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) is limited to four hours a day for five days in a week and half an hour on Sunday;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to telecast such programmes in 24 hours for all the days of the week;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that as per existing policy of Doordarshan, in all the Regional Kendras under Hindi Belt, the transmission is for four hours from Monday to Saturday and one and half hour on Sunday. Accordingly, Doordarshan Kendra (DDK), Shimla transmits programmes for four hours from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm from Monday to Saturday and for one and half hour from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm on Sunday.

(c) to (e): Prasar Bharati has informed that due to paucity of funds and manpower, presently there is no proposal to telecast programmes for 24 hours in all days of the week from DDK, Shimla.