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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Afghanistan to strengthen the Information and Broadcasting sector;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the media policies and strategies of both the countries are different;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which both the countries have considered this aspect before signing the said MoU ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Afghan Ministry of Information and Culture and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at New Delhi, India on 24.05.2011. The details of the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the salient features are enclosed at Annexure.

(c) to (e) As part of the Government of India's development assistance programme to Afghanistan, Government of India (GOI) (through the Ministry of External Affairs) has partnered with the Government of Afghanistan (GOA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support Capacity development in Afghanistan. A tripartite MoU was signed on 30th March, 2010 between the GOI, GOA and UNDP, Afghanistan for implementation of National Institution Building Project (NIBP) in Afghanistan.

As per the tripartite agreement, GOI is committed to execute separate twinning MoUs between Ministry/agencies of GOA and corresponding Ministry /agency of GOI.

In the backdrop of GOI's commitment towards Tripartite Agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Afghan Ministry of Information and Culture and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at New Delhi, India on 24.05.2011.