

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

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VACANT POSTS IN DD URDU CHANNEL
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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 period in various Doordarshan Kendras (DDK) of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, DDK – wise; (
- (c) the extent to which the Urdu broadcasting services of DD is being affected as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts?

Answer

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

- (a)& (b) There is no sanctioned post of Urdu Newsreader except one in Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar which has been shifted to Doordarshan Kendra , Jammu and is presently filled up. There are 5,555 vacancies in various posts in Doordarshan Kendras including posts sanctioned for Regional News Units. These vacant posts can be filled up only after the recruitment regulations for these posts are notified by Prasar Bharati.
- (c) Telecast of Urdu News by Doordarshan has not been affected as the recruitment of Urdu News telecast by DDKs is met by engaging persons on assignment basis.
- (d) Recruitment regulations for all the posts in Doordarshan including those sanctioned for Regional Language Units are presently under examination in consultation with DoP&T.