

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

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TELECASTING OF RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMES ON DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to telecast 'Aartis' and other religious programmes from the famous religious place of Shri Sai Baba in Maharashtra on regular basis on Mumbai Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to make available this programme on the national network of Doordarshan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

- (a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that there is no such proposal for telecast of programmes on Sai Baba on regular basis from Doordarshan Kendra (DDK), Mumbai. However, DDK, Mumbai produced two TV reports for 25 minutes duration each at Shri Sai Baba Mandir, Shirdi, on the occasion of (i) Guru Poornima for telecast on 9.7.2012 at 8.00 p.m and (ii) Dussehra for telecast on 28.10.2012 at 9.10 a.m. on Sahyadri Network.
- (c) & (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that no such proposal is under consideration.