

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:715  
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SUBJECT SAME LANGUAGE CAPTIONING SUB TITLES  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a proposal to make same language captioning or sub-titles mandatory for television programmes produced and broadcast in the country for the benefit of the deaf and those hard of hearing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : There is no such proposal under consideration. However, Doordarshan News Channel telecasts a news bulletin for the hearing impaired from 06.15 to 06.30 A.M. daily using the sign language. Doordarshan also telecasts film songs based programmes with subtitles in regional languages e.g. Bengali, Punjabi, Gujarati, Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, Odia, Tamil and Hindi.