

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:173  
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013  
SPEECHES OF MD. ALI JINNAH  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the All India Radio (AIR) has handed over two important speeches of Md. Ali Jinnah to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Pakistan has asked India to hand over more recorded materials of Jinnah;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (e) whether AIR has launched free SMS service to provide important news to the subscribers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that two speeches of Late Md. Ali Jinnah – one delivered on 03.06.1947 (duration 7 minutes 30 seconds) and another undated (duration 4 minutes 30 seconds) were sent to Director General, Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) & (f) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the SMS service was officially launched in September, 2013. News Headlines are sent through SMS free to the subscribers three times a day.