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NEW CHANNELS FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC AND AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start new channels of radio and television completely devoted to classical music and agriculture respectively;
- (b) if so the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the efforts being made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that DD Bharati channel is partially devoted to classical music and culture and Doordarshan on its National network telecast substantially programmes on agriculture. In addition, all the Regional Kendras telecast programmes on agriculture through broadcasting & narrowcasting mode.

As regards All India Radio, there are two dedicated channels devoted for classical music viz Ragam originating from AIR Tiruchirapalli, which is available on DTH platform from 06.00 AM to 12.00 midnight and Amritavarshini originating from AIR, Bangalore which is available on FM Transmitter from 06.00 AM to 09.30 AM and 06.00 PM to 11.00 PM. In addition, AIR stations across the country broadcast a large number of programmes devoted to Indian classical music (both Hindustani and Karnatic). Also AIR stations across the country broadcast a large number of programme devoted to agriculture and rural development.