

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ANTI INDIA PROPAGANDA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether anti-India propaganda is being aired by some of the countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any reports that programmes from neighbouring countries are better received in the Border areas in comparison to the programmes of All India Radio and Doordarshan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures being taken by the Government to tackle such propaganda?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): According to inputs received, anti-India propaganda is being received from across the border, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir State.

(c) & (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that the Programmes from neighbouring countries are received in India as well. In addition, there are some programmes being received from neighbouring countries as a part of their external services.

(e): Strengthening of the coverage of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) networks is an ongoing process. Proposals for setting up of new High Power /Low Power AIR/DD transmitters and FM transmitters in the border areas are considered and approved by the Government as per the requirement from time to time. Jammu & Kashmir Special Package Phase-II and North East Package Phase-II have been approved in September 2007 and May 2006 respectively for expansion of DD and AIR services. Multi channel AIR and TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus" has been provided in the entire country. It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country, including NE States and J&K, with the help of small sized receiver units.

Several programmes are mounted by both AIR and DD to counter anti-India propaganda by the neighbouring countries.