

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

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UNDERUTILISATION OF EQUIPMENT

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

- (a) whether state-of-the-art equipment and News Automation Systems installed at DD Bhawan, Mandi House are lying idle;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the period since when they have not been used;
- (c) whether the warranty of such system has expired;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any action has been taken against the erring officials in this regard;
- (f) if, so the details thereof and the nature of action taken thereon;
- (g) if not the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the details of total loss to the exchequer alongwith the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) & (b) Doordarshan News, New Delhi have started recording two Current Affairs programmes in the studio of Tower B, Doordarshan Bhawan with effect from 23rd November, 2009. The recordings are being done for four days in a week from Monday to Thursday.

(c) & (d) Warranty of the system expired in December 2008.

(e) to (h) Doordarshan News, New Delhi will start conducting dry run on News automation systems at Tower B, DD Bhwan, New Delhi from 7th December 2009. During the exercise, training/ familiarization programme of DD News Staff on New Automation System is being planned. It is expected to continue for a period of at least six to eight weeks. The shifting in phased manner will start thereafter on successful conduct of the dry run.