

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of Doordarshan anchor referring Anantnag as Islamabad and Shankaracharya Hill as Koh-e-Suleman while reading bulletin recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Prasar Bharati has informed that while reporting on floods in Srinagar, a Doordarshan News Correspondent in her live dispatches had used the terms Suleiman Hill and Islamabad.

(c): The recording of the dispatches being telecast were immediately dropped once the mistakes came to the notice of the channel. The correspondent was recalled to Delhi before completion of her tour assignment.

Also, a Committee was constituted by Prasar Bharati to enquire into the matter. Prasar Bharati has informed that action has been taken on the findings of the Enquiry Report of the Committee by Prasar Bharati to improve working system.