

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

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BROADCASTING OF SPEECH

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

- (a) whether Doordarshan (DD) recently broadcasts the address by some leaders/chief on foundation day of their religious organization;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the guidelines laid down for the purpose;
- (c) if so, the total cost incurred on the said broadcast and the number of instances in the past when such address was broadcast on DD along with the circumstances which necessitated the DD to broadcast such address;
- (d) whether the Government is using State machinery for some disputed religious organizations to broadcast its programme and views and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any complaints have been received by the DD in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon along with the details of any mechanism to look into such complaints?

Answer

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

- (a): Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan (DD) recently did not broadcast address by some leaders/chief on foundation day of their religious organisation.
- (b) to (e): Do not arise in view of (a) above.