

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1390
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018)**

INCREASE IN TIME SLOTS OF NEWS BULLETINS

1390. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the time slot allotted for the telecast/broadcast of news bulletins in regional languages at national level through Doordarshan and Akashvani and also to improve the quality of such bulletins;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to promote telecast/broadcast of such bulletins with a view to accord more importance to various regional languages in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING {COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}**

(a) to (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that at present, there is no plan to increase the time slot for broadcast of AIR News Bulletins in regional languages at National level. As far as DD is concerned, regional language bulletins are not broadcast on DD News Channel at national level.

Continuous efforts are made to improve the quality of news bulletins both at regional and national level.

Details of regional and national News bulletins may be accessed at:

- (i) All India Radio website www.allindiaradio.gov.in.
- (ii) Doordarshan website: www.ddindia.gov.in.
