

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3695
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ALLOCATION OF TIME TO MINORITY LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy of the Government on allocation of time to minority languages spoken in the service areas of each Channel/Kendra;
- (b) the total broadcast/telecast time, Channel-wise and Kendra-wise; and
- (c) the duration of Urdu programme regularly broadcast by the AIR and telecast by the Doordarshan on the National Channels as well as by the regional Channels/Kendras in U.P., Bihar, A.P., Maharashtra and Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.