

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:475  
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2003  
SELECTION OF ARTISTS IN DD/AIR  
RAM SHAKAL

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

- (a) whether only the urban people get the maximum opportunities to get selected as artists of Doordarshan and Akashwani;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the procedure laid down for the selection of these artists; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to provide opportunity to the people from rural and backward areas so that their talent may develop?

**Answer**

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

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