

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FAILURE OF DD TO COVER INCIDENT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Doordarshan failed to broadcast and to capture the recent twin blasts news in Mumbai and it was only after the other channels reported & splashed the news;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have made any inquiry into the failure of the Doordarshan in covering the incident;
- (c) the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regards?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : Prasar Bharati has informed that the news of the blast was telecast early. Since the visuals of the news story reached late, Doordarshan had to telecast the visuals of the same after giving the main news. They have informed that the matter has been looked into in consultation with Regional News Unit at Mumbai and measures are being taken to avoid recurrence of such delay.

Prasar Bharati has also informed that with the launch of 24 hours DD News Channel, delay in carrying news will be minimal.