

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:533

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24-HOUR NEWS CHANNEL IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES ON DD/AIR

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

- (a) whether the Government have any plan to start a 24-hour news channel on AIR and Doordarshan in Regional Languages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be launched; and
- (d) estimated recurring and non-recurring expenditure on the proposed news channel?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) Do not arise.