

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

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INTERRUPTION IN LIVE CRICKET MATCH
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Channel, which had the exclusive right to live telecast the final of cricket match between Australia and India at Kolkata on November 18, 2003, could not relay the match for sometime to Delhi viewers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to relay live telecast of such an important event without any interruption?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There was a break in telecast, due to failure of power supply through generator to DSNG at OB spot at Kolkata, to CPC Delhi and DDK Delhi, between 2130 to 2135 hrs. It is the endeavour of Prasar Bharati to ensure uninterrupted telecast, through standby power supply arrangements.