

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2574
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THEFT IN AIR STATION OF SILIGURI
DHANI RAM SHANDIL

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

(a) whether transmission equipments worth about 80 lakh rupees have been stolen from the Siliguri Kendra of Akashwani and due to which the broadcasting of Programme was held up in November 2003; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the matter was immediately brought to the notice of local police station, SP of Jalpaiguri and DGP, West Bengal, requesting for investigation in the matter. DDG(Security) of Doordarshan had also made a visit to Siliguri and held discussions with senior police authorities and security arrangements were reviewed. Stringent precautionary measures have been suggested and are being implemented to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future. The SP Jalpaiguri has informed the Prasar Bharati that 90% of stolen material in the form of scrap has been recovered.