

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3315
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2000
URDU PROGRAMMES ON DD, BANGALORE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any representations for enhancement in time slot of Urdu programmes on All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra at Bangalore;
- (b) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government propose to start Urdu news bulletin on AIR and Doordarshan there;
- (d) if so, the probable time fixed for starting the Urdu news bulletin;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore;
- (f) whether it is due to lack of sufficient funds for the Urdu artists; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken to remove this hurdle?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a): Prasar Bharati has informed that while All India Radio has received representations in this regard, Doordarshan has not received any such request.
- (b): All India Radio has informed that the quantum of Urdu Programme being aired by them are considered to be adequate.
- (c), (d) & (e): Prasar Bharati has informed that it does not propose to start Urdu newsbulletins on AIR and Doordarshan as the information needs of Urdu speaking population are adequately met by the relay of existing bulletins.
- (f): No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise