

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

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DOORDARSHAN KENDRA AT JALPAIGURI
Barman Shri Hiten;Baxla Shri Joachim

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Doordarshan Kendra at Jalpaiguri is under-utilized for many years;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of staff at Doordarshan Kendra at Jalpaiguri the relay of programmes affecting and these are being relayed from Kolkata;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the said Kendra will be able to relay its own programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. This is on account of non-sanction of full complement of staff required for its full operation.
- (c) & (d) : Programme Generating Facility (PGF) at Jalpaiguri has been set-up to produce local area specific programmes for telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata and DD-Bangla Satellite Channel. In addition to the above programmes, Jalpaiguri PGF is producing five programmes each of half-an-hour duration per week on agricultural and allied subjects under narrowcasting mode for telecast from the adjacent HPT, Kurseong which is covering Jalpaiguri area.
- (e) : No time frame can be indicated at this juncture.