

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

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NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES ON REGIONAL KENDRAS

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that news and current affairs programmes under the sponsored category in Regional Kendras of Doordarshan has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to re-start the said programmes?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati, an autonomous statutory corporation, has informed that News and Current Affairs programmes under the sponsored category in regional kendras of Doordarshan, have been discontinued in accordance with a decision taken by the Prasar Bharati Board to undertake all news bulletins as an in-house activity.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that no such proposal is under consideration.