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PRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONED PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kolkata Doordarshan has been allotted only about Rs.96 lakh for producing commissioned programmes by the Doordarshan Directorate, whereas other major Kendras have been allotted between Rs.4 to Rs.6 crore for the same purpose;
- (b) if so, the reasons for allocating less funds to Kolkata Doordarshan; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to allocate funds to Kolkata Doordarshan at par with the other Kendras for producing commissioned programmes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous corporation, has informed that the allocation of Rs. 96 lakh is specifically meant for the programmes in Bengali commissioned under the Indian Classics series.

Funds ranging between Rs.39 lakhs to Rs.168 lakhs have been allocated in similar fashion to other Kendras for such productions in eleven other regional languages.

(c): Prasar Bharati has informed that funds allocated to DDK, Kolkata for the programmes in Bengali language under the Indian Classic series are adequate.