

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1222  
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REGIONAL NEWS CHANNELS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Regional All India Radio (AIR) news channels broadcast from Delhi;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to shift the regional AIR news channel of Malayalam from Delhi to Trivendrum;
- (c) if so the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to make available the AIR Malayalam news outside Kerala especially in Delhi; and
- (e) if so the details in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR broadcasts national news in 17 Indian languages in addition to Hindi and English. Out of these, news bulletins in 14 Indian languages are prepared, edited and read from Delhi.
- (b): No, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that presently, there is no such proposal.
- (c): Question does not arise.
- (d) & (e): Prasar Bharati has informed that presently, there is no such proposal.