

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3577

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BROADCASTING OF NEWS IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

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

- (a) the names of languages in which the news broadcast by the News Services Division of All India Radio (AIR) as on date;
- (b) whether the News Services Division of AIR broadcast news in all languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;
- (c) if not the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the norms for selection of languages for broadcasting by the News Services Division of AIR?

Answer

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

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that the News Services Division of All India Radio mounts over 360 news bulletins daily in 81 languages/dialects (Indian and foreign). Details are given in Annexure.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The criterion primarily is to inform the masses. The selection of language depends upon the number of listeners of the language/dialect, availability of infrastructure facilities, manpower and funds etc.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 3577 for answer on 15.05.2006

List of languages/dialects used in news bulletins in Home, Regional, and External Services.

1. Adi
2. Angami
3. Ao
4. Apatani
5. Arabic
6. Arunachali
- 7 Assamese
8. Balti
9. Baluchi
10. Bengali
11. Bodo
12. Burmese
13. Chakhesang
14. Chang
15. Chinese
16. Dari
17. Dimasa
18. Dogri
19. English
20. French
21. Garo
22. Gojri
23. Gujarati
24. Hindi
25. Hmar
26. Idu
27. Indonesia
28. Jaintia
29. Kabui
30. Kannada

31. Karbi
32. Kashmiri
33. Khampti
34. Khasi
35. Khamnugan
36. Kokborok
37. Konkani
38. Konyak
39. Kuki
40. Ladakhi
41. Lepcha
42. Lotha
43. Mahal
44. Malayalam
45. Manipuri
46. Mao
47. Marathi
48. Maithili
49. Mizo
50. Miju Mishmi
51. Nagamese
52. Nepali
53. Nocte
54. Nishi
55. Oriya
56. Paite
57. Persian
58. Phom
59. Punjabi
60. Pushtu
61. Rajasthani
62. Rengma
63. Russian
64. Sangtam
65. Sanskrit
66. Sema
67. Sindhi
68. Sinhala
69. Swahili
70. Tagin
71. Tamil
72. Tangkhul
73. Tangsa
74. Telugu
75. Thadau
76. Thai
77. Tibetan
78. Urdu
79. Wancho
80. Yimchungru
81. Zeliang