

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

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HINDI SERVICE OF VOICE OF AMERICA RADIO
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindi service of Voice of America Radio having world-wide coverage is being discontinued while time slot of Urdu service is being enhanced;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any initiative to restore the same in view of popularity of the said service; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Government of India has no control over the programming of, and content broadcast by, foreign Radio Channels.
- (c) : Does not arise.