

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:300  
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2006  
CRIME SERIALS ON TV CHANNELS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether TV channels are showing crime related serials;
- (b) if so, whether these serials are so dramatised that they are leaving bad impact on the mind of people of the country specially youth and children;
- (c) if so, whether any assessment/study has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to contain these serials; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 300 For reply on 14-08-2006

- (a): The Government is aware of the fact that some of the TV channels are showing crime related serials.
- (b) (c) & (d): No analysis has been made by the Government about the impact on society of crime serials telecast by TV channels.
- (e) & (f): In so far as Doordarshan is concerned Prasar Bharati has informed that it takes care to ensure that serials telecast on its channels are wholesome and in conformity with societal norms and Indian cultural traditions. However, all programmes and advertisements of all TV channels transmitted/ retransmitted through the cable network are required to strictly adhere to the Programme Code and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. Any violation of these Codes attracts action against them under the Cable Act. The Government has also set up an Inter-ministerial Committee to look into the violations of the Programme Code and Advertising Code. This Committee, on receipt of complaints or suo-motu takes action against the TV channels which are violating the said Codes.