

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

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PRESERVATION OF CLASSICAL SONGS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the AIR to preserve the immortal songs of Jyoti Prasad Bishnu Rabha, Parbati Prasad Barua, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, Rudra Barua, Rekitabuddin Ahmed and Pratima Pandey in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any plan to make these songs available to general public through CDs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati have informed that the songs of these artists are available with All India Radio, Guwahati and are broadcast in various programmes from that Station. The following recordings have been preserved by All India Radio:-

S.No. Name of artists Duration

1. Jyoti Prasad 25 mts
2. Bishnu Rabha 80 mts
3. Parbati Prasad Barua 100 mts
4. Dr. Bhupen Hazarika 360 mts
5. Rudra Barua 45 mts
6. Rekitabuddin Ahmed 60 mts
7. Pratima Pandey 300 mts

(c): & (d): All India Radio has not released CDs of any of these artists. However, All India Radio is planning to release songs of some of these popular artists.