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

- (a) whether there is any plan to start news-on-phone service at the Regional News Unit of AIR, Guwahati;
- (b) if so, whether there is any scheme for full upgradation and digitalization of News Unit of AIR, Guwahati;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by when this Plan is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that a scheme for upgradation and digitalization of Regional News Unit at Guwahati has been proposed in the draft XI Plan, which is yet to be approved.

(d): News-on-Phone service is likely to be implemented during 2007-08. However, the scheme for upgradation and digitalization of RNU at Guwahati will be implemented after approval of XI Plan.