

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1189
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BAN ON OPINION POLLS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the vast disparities projections made by different press and media agencies by `Exit Polls` and the actual results of elections, as experienced during recent Lok Sabha Elections, the Government propose to ban opinion polls and exit polls or put any regulations in place, to prevent and obviate uncalled for miscarriage of the voting process;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.