

Title : Need to set up more Doordarshan studios in Jammu Parliamentary Constituency, J & K with a view to provide adequate coverage of Doordarshan programmes in border areas.

SHRI MADAN LAL SHARMA (JAMMU): Sir, my constituency consists of hilly and border areas. The telecasting of Doordarshan is very poor and beyond imagination in the areas like Rajouri Poonch. They receive Pakistan TV channels very clearly, whereas Doordarshan is not visible in these areas. In rural areas of my constituency such as Thanna Mandi, Buddal, Dharal, Manjakot, Dongi Garhati, etc., particularly those which are connected to border areas, people have never seen television and they are being deprived of their right to know what is happening in the country. Without Doordarshan telecasting, they feel themselves disconnected with other parts of the country.

I must mention here that a new Doordarshan studio was set up in Rajouri District. However, the same is not yet made functional.

I urge upon the Government to look into the matter seriously and set up some more Doordarshan studios in my constituency and see that people of my constituency are not deprived of watching Doordarshan channels on their television sets.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I would request the hon. Members, especially the new Members, that they should read the text which they have given to the hon. Speaker and which has already been approved by the hon. Speaker. Only that text will go on record and nothing else.