

Telugu Programmes on Website and Internet

590. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Telugu speaking people of U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand are asking for Telugu programmes of poetry, music, drama, talks and short stories; and

(b) if so, whether Government will take steps to put select items in Telugu on Website and Internet to be operated from All India Radio, Hyderabad station to benefit Telugu listeners in all parts of the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All India Radio has its own website on Internet which can be accessed at <http://www.allindiaradio.com>. The programme fare includes music, drama, talks, short stories, poetry in different languages, including Telugu. These programmes are updated regularly based on the request from Internet listeners all over the world.

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591. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a constant demand from the Telugu speaking people of South Africa and Mauritius for Telugu programmes from All India Radio; and

(b) if so, whether Government would initiate measures to cater to the needs of Telugu speaking people of these two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) No such request has been received by