

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):** (a) Prasar Bharati, as a public service broadcaster, has a role to foster peace, and amity among people of diverse cultures, religions and faiths. In this direction, it mounts various programmes with a view to promote peace and harmony and National Integration. Over the years, Doordarshan and All India Radio have played a major role in transforming the country from backwardness to unified and progressive state.

(b) and (c) In view of the extremists' activities and secessionist movements going on in Assam and some North Eastern states, there is a specific policy to mount programmes on the problems of militancy, insurgency, unrest arising out of foreigners' issues, under employment and under development, sense of alienation and the activities of disruptive forces with special emphasis on the need for peace and harmony. "North east in Seige" (Insurgency in NE), "The Silent Invasion" (Infiltration issues), "Future at Stake" (Misguided Youth), "Alone in Agony" (Aftermath of Militancy), "ULFA: The Terror in Brahmaputra Valley", "Breaching the Waves" (Insurgency in Manipur) are some of the programmes, which have been telecast in the recent past on the problems of extremists activities and secessionist movement in North Eastern Region.

#### **Transmission Network of Akashvani in Border Areas**

†1907. **SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to further strengthen the transmission network of Akashvani in the border areas with the intention of enhancing the number of listeners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this proposal?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):** (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. 41 schemes of All India Radio are being implemented at a cost of Rs. 112 crores in order to strengthen

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

transmission network in border areas. The details are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 188, Annexure No. 51]

### **Corruption in Doordarshan**

1908. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the rampant corruption in deciding the programmes of Doordarshan Channels;
- (b) if so, the reasons and remedies therefor; and
- (c) how does Government plan to make transmission of Doordarshan programmes with better clarity in pictures and better sound?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Some complaints of corruption have come to the notice of the Government and all such complaints are examined thoroughly. Also, the areas of activities of Doordarshan prone to corruption have been identified and orders have been issued streamlining the procedures involved in processing the serials/programmes/events etc.

(c) Doordarshan, every year, depending upon availability of resources, take up schemes for renewal, replacement and modernisation of equipments in order to improve quality of signals for better reception by the viewers.

### **Proposal for Sanskrit Programmes on Doordarshan**

1909. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Doordarshan has taken any initiative to promote the Sanskrit language in its Millennium programming for the coming years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the proposals for Sanskrit programmes received by Doordarshan?