

(e) and (f) The equivalent of mobile number portability which exists in the telecom sector does not exist in the broadcasting sector as on date.

Allocation/Expenditure for DD Urdu and DD Kashir programmes

3621. SHRI G.N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether allocation/expenditure on commissioning of programmes on DD Urdu and DD Kashir has been drastically cut down and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of such allocations/expenditures during the last five years; and

(c) whether the practice of separate and adequate allocation for commissioning of programmes on DD Urdu and DD Kashir and Radio Kashmir Srinagar would be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI): (a) to (c) As per the information given by Prasar Bharati the budget allocated and expenditure incurred for the last five years for DD Urdu and DD Kashir are given hereunder:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	DD Urdu		DD Kashir	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
2008-09	7.40	0.001	8.74	5.69
2009-10	40.50	1.81	14.50	12.15
2010-11	53.00	2.09	27.00	26.84
2011-12	5.19	2.50	48.16	48.15
2012-13	21.00	20.80	11.67	11.65

Prasar Bharati has also informed that separate allocation of funds continues to be made to Doordarshan from the Revenue Plan under the scheme Software Acquisition/Production of Doordarshan. There is no plan to discontinue this practice. However, there is no practice of a separate allocation in respect of Radio Kashmir Srinagar (under All India Radio).