

DD News channel in Uttarakhand

†3891. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal to start DD News channel in Uttarakhand is pending before the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for its pendency;
- (c) whether it is pending due to non-availability of building for broadcasting of DD News; and
- (d) if so, whether DD News may be broadcasted from a single room as private channels are doing, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that no such proposal to start DD News channel in Uttarakhand is pending.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, 2014

3892. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has held Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Conclave in 2014; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 12th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi from 7th-9th January, 2014. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was the Partner Ministry for the PBD 2014. The theme of this year's PBD was 'Engaging Diaspora: Connecting Across Generations'. The then Prime Minister inaugurated the annual flagship event of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs on 8th January and the Hon'ble President delivered the Valedictory Address and conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards on 9th January on 13 distinguished overseas Indians for their notable contributions in different field.

Dato' Seri G Palanivel, Federal Minister for National Resources and Environment,

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