

Bharati has informed that Doordarshan correspondent in her Live despatches while reporting on the devastating floods in Srinagar used the terms Suleman Hill and Islamabad.

The live despatches were dated 8th and 11th September, 2014 for Shankaracharya Hill and Anantnag respectively.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that a Committee was constituted to enquire into the matter and the recording of the despatches being telecast were immediately dropped once the mistakes came to the notice of the channel. The correspondent was recalled to Delhi before completion of her tour assignment. Action on the findings of the Enquiry Report of the Committee has been taken up to improve working system.

Vacancies of Urdu Programme Executives

2663. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Urdu Programme Executives, in DD Urdu, DD News Urdu and Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) Delhi for Urdu programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what arrangements have been made in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to make adequate and befitting arrangements for all these programmes by appointing Urdu Programme Executives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that one Urdu Programme Executive and four contractual assignees are producing Urdu programmes for Doordarshan Urdu. Prasar Bharati has further informed that there is one Urdu knowing Programme Executive in Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that order has already been issued for deputing, on tour, one Urdu knowing Programme Executive to work in Doordarshan Urdu.

As informed by Prasar Bharati, they have taken steps for appointing Urdu knowing Programme Executives from amongst the newly recommended candidates by the Staff Selection Commission.