

(c) whether there is no sign language interpretation for the Prime Minister's speech on the Teacher's Day;

(d) whether Government proposes to bring a standard policy to ensure accessible telecast for all events and occasions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that DD News telecast sign language bulletin every day at 6.15 am. This year DD News has telecast the following events live alongwith a sign-language version in a small window:

- Republic Day Parade
- PM's speech on Independence Day.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan has a policy of covering events of national importance and public relevance through its network of national and regional channels and to make such telecast available to the widest cross sections of people through its terrestrial and commercial satellite telecasts and through its DTH platform. Doordarshan has also initiated live streaming of important events on its website and through YouTube.

Status of Nai Roshni

2666. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Scheme "Nai Roshni-Leadership Development of Minority Women", implemented in 2012;

(b) whether Government is taking any further initiatives to empower and instill confidence among the women belonging to minority communities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) The scheme for "Leadership Development of Minority Women" started in 2012-13, is continued with the brand name "Nai Roshni". The scheme aims to empower and instill confidence among minority women by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems,

banks and other institutions at all levels. The scheme is implemented through Non-Governmental Organizations with the help of training modules developed by Ministry on various issues like Leadership of Women; Health and Hygiene; Childhood Illness and Immunization; Government Mechanism; Issues related to Women; Public Distribution System; Sanitation; Life skills, etc. The details of women trained across 24 States since 2012-13 and the amount spent are as follows:

Financial Year	Number of Women trained	Amount Spent (₹ in crore)
2012-13	36,950	10.45
2013-14	60,875	11.96
2014-15	66,350	11.27

(as on 10.12.2014)

(b) and (c) Ministry has taken action to develop more need based training modules on the basis of feedback received from implementing agencies.

Evaluation study of MAEF

2667. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an evaluation study of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) was carried out by the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi in 2010;

(b) if so, the details of the findings in this regard; and

(c) the details of action Government has taken on those findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Social Institute has suggested for: (i) improving the working of Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) by inviting online applications; (ii) considering the proposals for grant-in-aid to Non Government Organizations (NGOs) on 'first come first served basis'; (iii) placing the status of applications on website of MAEF; and (iv) increasing the Corpus Fund of MAEF by the Government.

(c) The selection of NGOs for release of grants-in-aid is now done on 'first come first served basis'. The applications for grants-in-aid from NGOs are invited online. The status of applications is placed on the website of MAEF. More publicity has been given to its schemes. The Government has also enhanced the Corpus Fund of MAEF from ₹550 crore in 2010-11 to ₹1023 crore in 2014-15.