

Review of RNUs

1822. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional News Units (RNUs) of All India Radio, which were shifted from New Delhi to their respective States, are performing upto the expectation;

(b) if so, whether any review or monitoring of these regional news are being done regularly; and

(c) whether the remaining language news units namely Punjabi, Nepali, Kashmiri, Urdu will be shifted to their respective States or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that 12 Indian Languages Units of News Service Division (NSD), All India Radio which were shifted from Delhi to respective capital Regional News Units (RNUs), are performing satisfactorily.

The Bulletins are prepared in English at NSD Headquarters and sent to RNUs for translation and broadcast. Complete editorial guidance is rendered from Delhi.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration, as on date.

Press meetings conducted by Prime Minister

1823. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of press meetings conducted by Hon'ble Prime Minister during 2014-15 to 2016-17; and

(b) the number of television interviews given by Hon'ble Prime Minister during 2014-15 to 2016-17 and names of the channels thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's interactions with press representatives are both structured and unstructured and therefore information asked for is not available on record.

Appointment of journalists in Prasar Bharati

1824. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had proposed the Prasar Bharati to hire two journalists