

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that there are 5 AIR News Correspondents, working abroad in the following countries.

- (i) Nepal (Kathmandu)
- (ii) Sri Lanka (Colombo)
- (iii) United Arab Emirates (Dubai)
- (iv) China (Beijing)
- (v) Bangladesh (Dhaka)

They give inputs to both All India Radio and Doordarshan.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio is reaching global audiences digitally and through short wave transmitters. It has been decided by Prasar Bharati to augment the global outreach of All India Radio and Doordarshan through the new and emerging digital media platforms disseminating Indian point of view on contentious issues apart from projecting Indian culture, heritage, literature etc. in various Indian languages for which diaspora abroad always likes to hear.

Registration of TV channels

818. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of TV channels currently registered as on 1st January, 2019;
- (b) the number of registered TV channels which have 20 per cent or more ownership by a single entity or group; and
- (c) the list of such channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (c) The number of Private Satellite TV channels currently permitted by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting as on 1st January, 2019 is 877. However, this Ministry does not maintain record of TV channels having 20 per cent or more ownership by a single entity or group.

Mann-ki-Baat' on All India Radio

819. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total time taken in All India Radio and Doordarshan programmes;

(b) the space and time occupied by Hon'ble Prime Minister during the last three years in its programmes; and

(c) time taken by 'Mann-ki-Baat' programme and its translation in all the languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amount spent on print and electronic media

820. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state details of amount of money spent on Government advertising in print and electronic media during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): The expenditure incurred by Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns undertaken in respect of various schemes and programmes of Government of India on behalf of different Ministries/Departments during the last three years in print and electronic media are as under:-

(₹ in crore)

Year	Print	Audio Visual (AV)*
2015-16	508.22	531.60
2016-17	468.53	609.4
2017-18	636.09	468.93

*AV includes TV, Radio and Digital Media.

Rescue mission in the mines of East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya

821. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the measure taken by Government to rescue the workers who were trapped in the mines of East Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya;

(b) the present status of the rescue mission;

(c) the details of the workers trapped in the mines;

(d) number of lives saved through the rescue mission;