

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*148
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021)**

LANGUAGE OF BROADCASTS OF PM'S SPEECHES

***148. SHRI BINOY VISWAM:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the languages in which the Prime Minister's (PM's) speeches/address to the nation is broadcast;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the PM's live broadcasts to the nation are understandable to the non-Hindi speaking population; and
- (c) whether Government has considered having live translations of the PM's broadcast in the languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution and making these available to the regional channels?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA
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(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati live broadcasts the speeches of the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion of Independence Day and on special occasions to inform the citizens about various important issues/events in the language the speeches are delivered. Speeches of national importance are recorded and re-broadcast with translated voice-overlay in local languages by various units of Prasar Bharati across India on radio and television from time to time.

'Mann Ki Baat', a monthly programme where the Hon'ble Prime Minister reaches out to the people across the country through the radio, is also broadcast by Prasar Bharati on its AIR and Doordarshan network. Prasar Bharati has undertaken the translation and re-broadcast of 'Mann Ki Baat' in more than 50 languages/dialects for the non-Hindi speaking population. The English version of 'Mann Ki Baat' is broadcast at 8:00 PM on the same day on FM Rainbow and Rajdhani channels of AIR, Delhi.

Apart from conventional mode of availability of the programmes, translated speech recordings in the various languages are also made available digitally for on-demand listening/viewing through platforms such as YouTube as well as through the Prasar Bharati App - NewsOnAir available on iOS and Android and website NewsOnAir.com.
