

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3271
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022)**

PROGRAMMES ON WOMEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS

3271. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a) whether Prasar Bharati has any plan to telecast/broadcast programmes, features and news in Hindi on leading women freedom fighters of Assam like Kanaklata Baruah, Chandraprabha Saikiani, Bhogeswari Phukani, Puspalata Das and others;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether these programmes are telecasted on DD News, AIR News, DD National, AIR National, DD Bharati and DD Kisan etc.?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati is broadcasting programmes as part of commemorating 75 years of India's independence "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" on All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan channels. The profiles of eminent freedom fighters, including women freedom fighters, from across the country are included in the series such as "Azadi Ka Safar Akashwani Ke Sath" in Hindi and "Azadi Ka Safar with AIR News" in English on AIR. Similar programmes, namely "Aparajita", "Veer Gatha" and "Parikrama", are broadcast by AIR.

Profiles of prominent/ leading freedom fighters from Assam including Kanaklata Baruah, Bhogeswari Phukani and Puspalata Das, were broadcast in "Azadi Ka Safar Akashwani Ke Saath" and "Azadi Ka Safar with AIR News".

On DD News, Prasar Bharati has been broadcasting a special episode of half an hour of programme titled 'Tejaswini' featuring the woman freedom fighters in Hindi. Further, a segment of 'आजादी की वीरांगनाएं' has been introduced in 'Tejaswini' programme from September, 2021 featuring the woman freedom fighters.

In addition, a special capsule featuring the main events and freedom fighters during Independence struggle is telecast in morning bulletins every day since the beginning of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. Prasar Bharati has also been broadcasting stories of prominent and unsung freedom fighters in the bulletins and programmes on DD News channel.

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