

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2628
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.3.2018)**

REGIONAL CHANNEL IN INDIAN LANGUAGES

2628. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether regional channels of Doordarshan telecast the programmes in several Indian languages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Doordarshan broadcasts any regional channels in Maithili language; and
- (d) if so, whether there is a proposal of commencing regional channel of Doordarshan in Maithili language?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.))**

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that at present, there are 16 (24x7) Regional languages satellite channels, producing and telecasting programmes in the respective Regional languages and dialects. The details of which are as under:-

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| 1. DD Kashir (Srinagar) | 2. DD Punjabi (Jalandhar) |
| 3. DD Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow) | 4. DD Rajasthan (Jaipur) |
| 5. DD Saptagiri (Vijaywada) | 6. DD Yadagiri (Hyderabad) |
| 7. DD Chandana (Bangalore) | 8. DD Malyalam (Trivandrum) |
| 9. DD Podhigai (Chennai) | 10. DD Bangla (Kolkata) |
| 11. DD Odiya (Bhubneswar) | 12. DD Bihar (Patna) |
| 13. DD North –East (Guwahati) | 14. DD Sahyadri (Mumbai) |
| 15. DD Madhya Pradesh – (Bhopal) | 16. DD Girnar (Ahmedabad) |

(c) & (d): As of now there is no proposal for commencing regional channel of Doordarshan in Maithili language. However, Prasar Bharati has informed that DD Bihar regularly telecasts programmes in Maithili language.
