

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2478  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023)**

**DISSEMINATION OF NEWS IN VERNACULAR LANGUAGES**

**2478. SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA:**

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives taken through Doordarshan at the local level for the dissemination of news in vernacular languages especially in North East;
- (b) the number of channels and shows available in vernacular languages of North East in 2013 and at present; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the same?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan has 8 dedicated channels for North-Eastern States namely, DD Arunprabha, DD Assam, DD Manipur, DD Meghalaya, DD Mizoram, DD Nagaland, DD Tripura and DD Sikkim. The Regional News Units (RNU) of Doordarshan network in North East Region telecast bulletins and programmes in major local languages such as Assamese, Bengali, Kokborok, Manipuri, Mizo, Khasi besides English and Hindi. A total of Rs. 159.91 crore has been allocated under different components in the year 2023-24 for these channels.

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