

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 878
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023)**

BULLETIN IN PUNJABI

878. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the concerns raised regarding the alleged move to stop Punjabi bulletins from Prasar Bharti broadcast from Delhi and Chandigarh Centers and if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether Government plans to engage relevant stakeholders to address these concerns, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to promote and support Punjabi language broadcasting, ensuring linguistic diversity and cultural representation in the media landscape and if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has plans to conduct consultations to ensure that regional language bulletins are not discontinued and if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that Punjabi language bulletins are telecast by Regional News Unit (RNU) Jalandhar and Chandigarh. RNU DDK, Chandigarh telecasts Punjabi News bulletin on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, whereas RNU DDK, Jalandhar telecasts 7 Punjabi News bulletins and programmes daily. Akashvani broadcasts Punjabi News bulletin regularly from Jalandhar. Akashvani, Delhi broadcasts One Punjabi Bulletin of Ten minutes duration, daily on Indraprastha Channel.
