

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2159
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2017)**

REGIONAL LANGUAGE NEWS BULLETINS

2159. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to shift the regional language news bulletins which are being broadcast from All India Radio, New Delhi to the respective State capitals and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether the Government has received representations to continue the broadcast of regional news bulletins including Malayalam from AIR Delhi and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

(a) &(b): Prasar Bharati (PB) has informed that they took a decision about shifting of Indian Language news bulletins to their respective regional units at various capital Stations of AIR because their continuation in Delhi after the advent of satellite communication system was unwarranted and a cause of unnecessary expenditure. The national news bulletins continues to be aired in their respective languages from the State capitals without any change in time or number of bulletins to ensure optimum utilization of News Readers-cum-Translator in various regional languages posted in News Services Division of AIR.

The Government has received a number of representations from Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) to continue the broadcast of regional news bulletins including Malayalam from AIR, Delhi and the replies to the respective MPs have been sent enumerating the reasons for the shift.
