

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2934  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018)**

**CRICKET COMMENTARY BY AIR**

**2934 SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:**

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

- (a) the time since when the commentary of cricket has not been broadcast on Akashwani Channels alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether it is proposed to broadcast the cricket commentaries on Akashwani channels again and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is proposed to start commentary of Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket matches on Radio and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio(AIR) has been broadcasting cricket commentary of cricket events whose broadcast rights have been acquired from the concerned Rights holders by AIR/ Prasar Bharati from time to time AIR had recently broadcast the commentary of the India-Sri Lanka Cricket Series-2017 in July-September, 2017.
- (c) AIR is in talks with [Board of Control for Cricket in India](#)\_(BCCI) for the broadcast of commentary of Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket matches.