

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.172
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.06.2019)**

SUPERSTITIONS IN TV PROGRAMME

172. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether many serials based on black magic, hypocrisy and superstitions are being broadcast on Doordarshan and private channels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government to stop the broadcast of such serials?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE; AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c): The Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 inter-alia provides that TV channels shall not carry any programme which encourages superstition or blind belief. All TV channels including Doordarshan are required to conform to these Rules. No serial based on Black Magic, hypocrisy and superstitions are being broadcast on Doordarshan. The Government has from time to time issue advisory and warnings to private TV channels who are found to have violated the said Programme Code.
