

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3254**

**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019)**

**DOORDARSHAN AND AKASHVANI CHANNELS IN NEPALI  
LANGUAGE**

**3254. SHRI RAJU BISTA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of any dedicated 24-hour Nepali language service being run on national broadcast, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposals or plans to start a dedicated channel via Doordarshan or Akashvani for Nepali language, one of the 22 languages recognized under the 8th Schedule of the constitution, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that it does not have dedicated 24-Hour Nepali language Radio or TV channel. However, it broadcasts programmes of various duration of Nepali Language from its AIR stations at Kurseong, Siliguri, Gangtok, Gorakhpur and Guwahati, and also by External Service Division of AIR Delhi.**

**Further, programmes in Nepali Language are also being telecast on Doordarshan Channels namely, DD Bangla, DD North-East, DD Arunprabha, DD Gangtok and DD Dehradun from time to time.**

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