

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3203**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2023)**

**DISCONTINUATION OF PUNJABI BULLETINS**

**3203. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has discontinued Akashvani's Delhi and Chandigarh Punjabi Bulletins;**

**(b) if so, the reasons therefor;**

**(c) whether all the staff have been sent to Jalandhar and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Government is aware that large population of Punjab in Delhi and Chandigarh have resented against discontinuation of Punjabi Bulletins;**

**(e) if so, the details thereof;**

**(f) whether the Government proposes to restore Delhi and Chandigarh Punjabi Bulletins; and**

**(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

## **ANSWER**

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

**(a): No, Sir.**

**(b): All the Punjabi Bulletins of the Akashvani are going on air from  
Delhi and Chandigarh stations.**

**(c): No, Sir. Does not arise.**

**(d) & (e): The radio programmes are broadcast in 'Punjabi', not only  
from the Akashvani stations in Punjab but also from many stations in  
other states, keeping the needs of Punjabi-speaking population in  
states concerned in mind. Daily news bulletins and regular special  
programmes are broadcast in Punjabi language by Akashvani stations  
in the specific regions.**

**(f): The Punjabi Bulletins from Akashvani Delhi and Chandigarh are  
going on air uninterrupted as per schedule. One Regional News Unit  
(RNU) is functional at Jalandhar.**

**(g): Does not arise.**

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