GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1038

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EVALUATION OF QUALITY AND CONTENT OF PROGRAMMES

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

- (a) whether Prasar Bharati reviews or evaluates the quality and content of programmes being telecast and broadcast by Doordarshan and Akashvani;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government/Prasar Bharati to improve the quality and content of programmes telecast and broadcast by Doordarshan and Akashvani programmes?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that the evaluation of the quality and content of the programmes is a continuous process. The quality of programmes broadcast by Doordarshan is regularly previewed in-house. Doordarshan in Prasar Bharati has a feedback mechanism received through letters, emails and social media, platforms, which is validated with the viewership data available through Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC). New programme like Mahilla Kisan Awards, Rock the night, Wah Kya taste hai, Yoga with Ira Trivedi, Rag-Rag main Ganga, DD Science with better production quality and better content have also been telecast by Prasar Bharati on Doordarshan.

All India Radio has a three tier evaluation mechanism for assessment of programmes, their reach and efficacy which of course keeps changing with audience profile changing with the passage of time.

Based on the feedback, All India Radio prepares fixed point charts. Each programme producing station of All India Radio has Programme Advisory Committee, drawn with personalities from various walks of life viz. Education, Science, Technology, Sports, Music, Folklore and Folk Traditions.

All India Radio has a network of 46 Audience Research units which regularly provides feedback to producers to plan, design and modify programmes according to the needs, tastes and aspiration of the target audience.
