

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1883

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2019)

NEPALI LANGUAGE RADIO OR TV

1883. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) whether there is a dedicated 24-hour Nepali language radio or TV channel operated by Prasar Bharati;**
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the recent steps if any taken by the Government to launch 24-hours radio as well as TV channel in Nepali language?**

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 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.
