

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2241**

**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020)**

**INCLUSIVE PROGRAMME FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**2241. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans or taken any steps to provide for Inclusive Programing on various broadcast platforms of the Government for Persons with disabilities and if so, details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide for same language subtitling on Government TV channels and other modes of video broadcast undertaken by the Government and if so, the details thereof;**

- (c) whether his Ministry has undertaken any study or plan to commission such research in coordination with Ministry of Education and/or Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, to explore the possibility of benefits in literacy and accessibility due to Same Language Subtitling; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**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 (b): Prasar Bharati telecasts sign language News bulletins and also sign language version of events of National importance like Hon'ble President's message to the nation, Independence Day and Republic Day Ceremonies etc. on Doordarshan channels.**

**Prasar Bharati is also providing sign language news bulletins free of cost to the private satellite news channels in compliance with the “Accessibility Standards for persons with disabilities in Television Programming” issued by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on 11.09.2019. These guidelines also provide for implementation of closed captioning and/or sign language interpretation and subtitling in a phased manner.**

**(c) No, Sir.**

**(d) Does not arise.**

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