

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.903**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021)**

**SUSPENSION OF PROGRAMMES IN REGIONAL DIALECTS**

**903. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the decision taken by Prasarbharti to suspend production of programs in regional dialects and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- and**
- (b) the stand of his Ministry over the proposal of telecasting 15 minute Sanskrit daily news bulletin in all regional language services of Doordharsan?**

**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) Prasar Bharati has informed that no such decision has been taken to suspend production of programmes in regional dialects.**

**(b) In order to leverage the strength of its network and to aggregate audiences from every region across India, Prasar Bharati issues instructions to Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) to relay common programming such as live telecasts, news bulletins, recorded speeches etc. on designated time-slots.**

**In line with above, DD Channels are telecasting Sanskrit News Bulletins (daily) and Magazine (weekly) during a designated time-slot.**

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