

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4356
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026)**

AKASHWANI KARGIL STATION

4356. SHRI MOHMAD HANEEFA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Akashvani Kargil station, which used to function as an independent and full-fledged station, due to a recent administrative change, even lacks a dedicated Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO), leading to delays in payments and other administrative hardships and is currently functioning under the Leh cluster head which has severely hampered the dissemination of localized content;
- (b) if so, the details of steps being taken by the Government to re-establish a separate Cluster Head for Akashvani Kargil, appoint a DDO, strengthen local language programming and upgrade transmission infrastructure to improve coverage in remote areas;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the production of content in local languages and to create content that reflects the socio-cultural identity of the region?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
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(a) to (d):

Akashvani Kargil functions under Akashvani Leh Cluster. The Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) across Prasar Bharati, including those at Leh and Kargil, have been rationalized and merged as part of ongoing organisational restructuring. The measure aims to improve operational and financial management through a more efficient and technology-driven framework. Local programme operations and the broadcast of local content continue as before.

Akashvani Kargil operates Medium Wave (MW) and FM transmitters, along with transmitters at Himbotingla, Drass, Tiesuru and Padum to serve the region. Further, a 5 kW FM (Mobile) Transmitter has been approved under the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme (2021–26) to enhance coverage. Akashvani Kargil broadcasts programmes in Hindi, Urdu, English and local dialects such as Purgi, Balti and Shina, reflecting the socio-cultural diversity in Ladakh.
