

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4566
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2016)**

REGIONAL NEWS BULLETIN

**4566. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:
ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of regional bulletins broadcasting from AIR Delhi at present;
- (b) whether Prasar Bharati has taken a decision to stop the broadcasting of news bulletins in regional languages from Delhi and shifted to other cities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has received request to withdraw the decision in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)**

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that Regional news bulletins for Delhi/ National Capital Territory in Hindi namely "Pradeshik Samachar" by News Services Division, All India Radio(NSD, AIR), New Delhi and for Haryana in Hindi by Regional News Unit, AIR, Chandigarh are broadcast from AIR, Delhi.

Apart from this, 14 regional language national news bulletins originate from News Services Division, All India Radio, New Delhi.

(b) & (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that no decision has been taken to stop the broadcasting of news bulletins in Hindi from Delhi.

However, Prasar Bharati has approved the proposal of NSD, AIR to shift Indian Language Units (except Urdu and Sanskrit) from New Delhi to respective Regional News Units (RNU) in States Capital in view of the availability of large pool of talent having proficiency in the regional languages at the aforesaid respective Regional News Units.

(d)&(e): A letter from Prof. K.V. Thomas, Hon'ble MP (Lok Sabha) has been received recently against the move for shifting of regional language news bulletins from Delhi to State capitals.
