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As part of the modernization of the Library and Information Services, an Audio-Visual Unit (AV Unit) was set up in 1992 in the Parliament Library.

The AV Unit, currently located in Room Nos. FB-124-125 and G-140 of Parliament Library Building (with Viewing Room and Editing Room), looks after the work of collection, accessioning and preservation of video cassettes of Lok Sabha proceedings, LSTV programmes, parliamentary functions and other events like Conferences, Seminars, Symposia, Workshops and telefilms on different aspects of parliamentary practices and procedures. A computerized database of LSTV programmes has also been developed for quick retrieval of cassettes. Arrangements are in place for dubbing of recordings of Lok Sabha proceedings, LSTV Programmes and other parliamentary events and functions into VCD(s)/DVD(s) for supply to Members and others on payment basis. The Unit also provides blank cassettes/DVDs/VCDs to the Lok Sabha Television Channel for recording of various programmes.

Facilities for viewing/listening

Facilities for viewing of and listening to the video recordings of proceedings of the Lok Sabha, parliamentary events, LSTV programmes and other recordings are available in the Viewing Room for Members of Parliament and others, including accredited correspondents.

Audio cassettes of Indian classical instrumental music and patriotic songs are available in the unit for listening by Members of Parliament and others and for use at various parliamentary functions.

The AV Unit has also acquired Language Learning Courses (audio and video cassettes) in various Indian and foreign languages. The following Language Learning Courses are available for listening/viewing in the Viewing Room:

(A) Audio Cassettes

- Language Learning Courses in Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu through English;
- Language Learning Courses in 23 foreign languages, viz., Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish and Swedish through English;
- Language Learning Courses in Hindi language through English;
- Language Learning Courses in English language through Hindi.

(B) Video Cassettes

Language Learning Courses in four foreign languages, viz. French, German, Italian and Spanish through English.

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Proceedings

The Audio-Video Library has been preserving video recordings of the Lok Sabha proceedings since 1992 and LSTV Programmes since 2006 in broadcasting quality video cassettes. The Audio-Visual Unit has been acquiring video recordings of Rajya Sabha Proceedings in VCD format. Till now, the Unit has acquired VCDs of Rajya Sabha proceedings from the 162nd Session to the 243rd Session (*i.e.* 3rd March, 1992 to 11th August, 2017)

Dedicated Satellite Channels for live telecast of Parliamentary Proceedings

Two separate dedicated satellite channels were set up on 14 December, 2004 by the Doordarshan in coordination with the Audio-Visual Unit for telecasting live the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha proceedings. Since 24 July, 2006, the Lok Sabha Television Channel has been telecasting live the proceedings of Lok Sabha, besides producing and telecasting other programmes of parliamentary importance.

Coordination with Doordarshan/AIR/Other Agencies

This Unit coordinates with Doordarshan/All India Radio and other agencies for the telecasting/broadcasting of proceedings of national and international Conferences/Seminars hosted by the Parliament in precincts of Parliament House and elsewhere. The Unit makes necessary arrangements for effective and uninterrupted telecasting/broadcasting of the event by providing infrastructural and other assistance to the agencies concerned.

Liaison with official/private agencies for transferring proceedings from U-matic tapes/Betacam tapes to DVC-Pro/VCDs/DVDs and *vice-versa* is also looked after by this Unit.

Video coverage of Parliamentary Functions

The Audio-Visual Unit is recording in-camera proceedings of Parliamentary functions as and when required.

Parliamentary Films

As an extension of telefilming and televising of parliamentary proceedings, video films have been prepared on different parliamentary practices and procedures and related parliamentary topics for Members of Parliament and State Legislatures and others. Six such parliamentary films have been prepared so far, viz. "Private Members' Bills"; "Parliamentary Questions"; "Parliamentary Etiquette and Manners"; "Financial Committees"; "Enriching the Debates in Legislatures"; and "How to be an Effective Parliamentarian?".

Supply of Video Recordings of Lok Sabha Proceedings and LSTV Programmes

Recordings of the proceedings of Lok Sabha, other parliamentary functions and LSTV programmes are presented on complimentary basis to constitutional functionaries and dignitaries in India and foreign countries in DVDs/DVC-Pro tapes.

Recordings are also supplied on payment to Members of Parliament; Press Correspondents accredited to the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha; Ministries and Departments of the Government of India/State Governments; State Legislatures; established news agencies having PIB accreditation/eminant producers in the field; libraries, teachers, research scholars of recognized educational institutions/universities; and parliamentary political parties and others, as may be decided by the Lok Sabha Secretariat for their personal use and non-commercial purposes.

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