

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:357

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LPT / HPT IN M. P.

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

- (a) the number of LPT / HPT installed / to be installed in Madhya Pradesh, location-wise;
- (b) the number of LPT / HPT not yet completed, location-wise;
- (c) the time by which telecast is likely to be started;
- (d) whether the Government propose to end regional disparity in providing facilities to the State;
- (e) if so, the measures taken in this regard; and
- (f) the scheme formulated for modernisation and upgradation of AIR and Doordarshan Kendras in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) : At present 88 transmitters of varying power are functioning in Madhya Pradesh. Besides, 20 transmitters are at various stages of implementation in the state. Locations of above transmitters are given at Annexure-I.

(c): The above mentioned transmitter projects are expected to be completed in phases, by the end of IX plan period.

(d) & (e) : It has been the constant endeavor of AIR & Doordarshan to strengthen Radio/TV coverage in hitherto uncovered areas of every State. 20 Doordarshan projects and 8 AIR projects as detailed in the Annexure-I are at various stages of implementation and this is expected to enhance the coverage substantially.

(f) : Modernisation and upgradation of facilities is a continuous process and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time subject to availability of resources.