

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HPTS/LPTS/VLPTS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) the details regarding HPTS/LPTS/VLPTS installed and operating in Maharashtra as on December, 31, 1999, district-wise;
- (b) the number of villages of the State covered under the programmes relayed by the local relay centres and national network and the number of villages proposed to be covered;
- (c) the number of proposals for setting up of Doordarshan Kendras received, location-wise and the action taken thereon;
- (d) the number of TV Towers are likely to be set up in the State during the Ninth Plan period; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to modernise the existing Doordarshan Kendras in the State during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a): 87 TV transmitters (HPTs-6, LPTs-71, VLPTs-9, Transposer-1) were operating in Maharashtra as on 31.12.1999. District-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b): Doordarshan programmes of all channels are available throughout the country via satellite. Terrestrially about 76.6% of area and 86.6% of population of Maharashtra is covered by National as well as regional network. The data on number of villages getting coverage in a district or State is not maintained by Doordarshan

(c): Requests for setting up of TV transmitters at various locations are received from various quarters from time to time. Such requests are taken into account while planning expansion of network keeping in view various factors such as suitability of location, availability of site, resultant coverage, availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities etc.

(d): In addition to the details furnished at (a), 12 transmitters (LPTs-3, VLPTs- 9) have been operationalised in the State since 1.1.2000. Another 16 transmitters (HPTs-5, LPTs-9, VLPTs-2) which are under implementation are likely to be operationalised in phases during the 9th Plan period.

(e): Modernisation of Doordarshan Kendras is a continuous process. During the current financial year, new studios at Mumbai and Nagpur, in replacement of old studios, equipped with state of art equipments have been operationalised.