

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details regarding HPTs/LPTs/VLPTs installed and functioning in Maharashtra as on December 31, 2000, district-wise;
- (b) the total area and percentage of population of Maharashtra has so far been covered by National as well as regional network;
- (c) the details of proposals received from Maharashtra for setting up of Doordarshan Kendras during the last two years; and
- (d) the proposals out of them cleared so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): 105 Doordarshan transmitters of varying powers were functioning in Maharashtra as on 31.12.2000. District-wise locations of these transmitters are given in the Annexure. One more VLPT at Sakoli in Bhandara district has been commissioned recently.

(b): 79.6% area and 88.6% population of Maharashtra are presently covered by TV service (National and Regional programmes). The above coverage figures are inclusive of fringe areas.

(c)&(d): Request for establishment of Doordarshan Kendras are received from time to time from various quarters. Such requests are taken into consideration while formulating future expansion plans of Doordarshan depending upon availability of resources, existing coverage in the area, resultant coverage from the proposed transmitter, terrain condition in the area, inter-se priorities etc. For further expansion of hitherto uncovered areas in the State, 18 transmitters projects (DD1-7, DD2-11) are presently under implementation.