

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2830  
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LAUNCHING OF SUB-LOCAL LPTS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the Government have launched/likely to be launched sub-local telecast centres in the country particularly in Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the average coverage of LPTs ; and (

(c) the steps taken to enhance the average coverage of sub-local LPTs to cover the remote areas?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Primary range of LPTs is about 15-20 Kms. The LPT centres where narrowcasting has been started/is to be started are as under:- Akola, Hissar, Coimbatore, Palakkad, Amalapuram, Bellary, Bilaspur, Patiala, Sagar, Ferozepur, Nainital and Hazaribagh. Two stations of narrowcasting, at Akola in Maharashtra and Bellary in Karnataka, have been inaugurated during the 1st week of November, 2002.

(c) : Upgradation of LPTs to HPTs is a continuous process and is taken up depending upon the availability of resources and inter-se priority of projects.