

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

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DOORDARSHAN IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken a decision to widen the reach of the Doordarshan in the border areas of the country to counter the propaganda of the Pakistan Television;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have taken a decision to convert low power transmitters into high power transmitters in the border districts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Doordarshan has been assigning priority to expansion of TV coverage in border areas in its plans formulated from time to time.

A special package for expansion of DD coverage in J&K was approved by the Government in 1999 and as part of this Plan, 90 transmitter projects have been commissioned in J&K and Punjab.

Out of 1389 TV transmitters functioning in the country, 281 transmitters are in border districts. Presently, 33 transmitter projects are under implementation, for further expansion of TV coverage in border areas.

(c) & (d): The above mentioned 33 transmitter projects under implementation, include upgradation of 8 LPTs/MLPTs to HPTs.