

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DD AIR FOR BODO TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have proposed to set up more new AIR Stations and Doordarshan Kendras in Bodo-Tribal dominated areas within the Bodoland Territory particularly in Indo-Bhutan bordering areas;
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): At present a Low Power TV Transmitter at Satrasal in Dhubri district is under implementation. Additional projects for the Bodoland Autonomous Council area are envisaged to be set up under Special North-East Package. Bodo-Tribal dominated area and Indo-Bhutan bordering areas are well covered by Radio signals of All India Radio Stations at Kokrajhar, Dhubri and Guwahati in Assam, Silliguri in West Bengal, Gangtok in Sikkim and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. No All India Radio project is envisaged in the 10th Five Year Plan.