

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF AIR IN TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the location-wise number of All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras functioning in Bihar at present;
- (b) whether the Government propose to set up some more centres in the country particularly in Bihar during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these centres are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

- (a): Two Doordsrashan Kendras at Patna and Muzzaffarpur, and five All India Radio Stations, at Patna, Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Sasaram and Purnea are functioning in the State of Bihar.
- (b) & (c): Seventy two FM Radio Stations and six Medium Wave Radio Stations of AllIndia Radio, including four FM Radio Stations in Bihar are expected to be set up during the 10th Five Year Plan. Besides, 12 projects of new Doordarshan Kendras/augmentation of existing Kendras are currently under implementation, as part of 10th Five Year Plan. State-wise locations are given at Annexure.
- (d): These remaining projects are expected to be completed in phases by the end of 10th Five Year Plan, subject to approval by the competent authority.