

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3314
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COVERAGE OF DD IN RAJASTHAN
GIRDHARILAL BHARGAV

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

- (a) the arrangements made to improve the coverage/viewing of Doordarshan programmes in all cities of Rajasthan;
- (b) whether there are complaints of poor reception in Bassi Parliamentary constituency of Rajasthan where programmes being telecast from Jaipur Doordarshan centre;
- (c) if so, whether the programmes being telecast by Pak TV are clearly viewable in Jaisalmer and Barmer whereas programmes of our Doordarshan are not clearly viewable; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): One hundred and two TV transmitters (DD 1-94, DD News-8) are currently functioning in Rajasthan, which provide TV coverage to about 78.8% of the population of the State.
- (b): Bassi assembly constituency lies in the coverage zone of HPT Jaipur. However, certain parts of Bassi constituency do not receive TV coverage as these lie in the shadow pockets caused due to intervening hilly terrain.
- (c) & (d): Pak TV signals are received in parts of Jaisalmer & Barmer districts. Doordarshan coverage in Jaisalmer district is available through a 10 KW HPT (with 300M tower) and an LPT and in Barmer district, through a 1 KW HPT (interim set up) and an LPT. TV coverage in Barmer district is expected to improve consequent upon commissioning of 10 KW transmitter on 100 M tower at Chautan hill, replacing the 1 KW HPT (interim set up), for which order has already been placed. TV coverage to uncovered areas of the country is now envisaged to be provided through satellite transmission in Ku-band, which is expected to commence during 2004.