

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1012  
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TV TRANSMITTERS AT BARMER AND CHOHTAN WESTERN RAJASTHAN  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether two High Power TV Transmission Kendras were installed at Barmer and Chohtan (Western Rajasthan) at a huge cost to counter Pakistani propaganda and to telecast the programmes for Thar Desert districts covering a range of 300 KM;
- (b) if so, whether these High Power TV Transmission Kendras have been downgraded by installing low power instruments with the result the very purpose for which these TV transmission Kendras were planned has been defeated;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are planning to upgrade the range of these TV transmission Kendras in sensitive area bordering Pakistan;
- (d) if so, the time by which these TV transmission Kendras are likely to be upgraded; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): Two high power Transmitters have been installed at Barmer (Chohtan) and Jaisalmer (Ramgarh) in Rajasthan. Chohtan is the location where the transmitter for Barmer has been installed. While the transmitter at Jaisalmer is operating on full power, the transmitter at Barmer (Chohtan) is not operating on full power pending construction of a 300 Metre tower. The transmitter is expected to be commissioned on full power in about 2 years time on completion of the tower.