

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

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DD AIR KENDRAS IN MADHYA PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) The number of Doordarshan Kendras and All India Radio stations likely to be set up in Madhya Pradesh during 1998-99 and 1999-2000, location-wise;
- (b) The names of the places where new Kendras are proposed to be set-up during the year 2000-2001.
- (c) The names of district headquarters of the State where DD centres and AIR stations have not been set up so far; and
- (d) The action taken to set up DD centres and AIR stations in those districts where there is no such kendras/stations?

**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): During 1998-99, two AIRFM Tr. at Indore and Bhopal and Six Doordarshan Transmitters at Bada Malhera, Bhanpura, Garot, Piparia, Sitamau and Sarangarh were commissioned. During the year 1999-2000, one AIRFM Transmitter at Jabalpur and two Doordarshan Transmitters at Raipur and Pendra Road were commissioned.

(b): Three new AIR Stations at Saraipalli, Rajgarh and Mandla are proposed to be set up in Madhya Pradesh during 2000-2001. The details of Doordarshan projects commissioned during the current year and those presently under implementation are given in Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): All the district headquarters of M.P. (as per 1991 census) are covered by AIR and Doordarshan transmission either from a local Radio Station and Doordarshan Transmitter or from a nearby Radio Station/Doordarshan Transmitter. DD transmitters are not located at nine district headquarters of M.P. viz. Dewas, Dhar, Durg, Hoshangabad, Morena, Raisen, Rajnandgaon, Sihore and Vidisha. List of districts Head Quarter where AIR stations are not located is given in Annexure-II. Locations of Radio and Doordarshan transmitter are not planned district-wise and hence there is no proposal to set up DD centres and Radio stations in each of the district Headquarters. Further, expansion of Radio/TV coverage in the state is being carried out in a phased manner, depending on the requirement and availability of resources.