

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

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TV TRANSMITTERS IN STATES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of high-power, low-power and very low/high power T.V. Transmitters in the country; capacity-wise, location-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received requests from the various States for setting up and conversion of VLPT/LPT/HPTS in their States during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the action taken/ to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) : Prasar Bharati has informed that 1401 transmitters of varying capacity (HPTs- 195, LPTs-828, VLPTs-359 and Transposers-19 are presently functioning in the country. State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b), (c) & (d) : Requests for setting up of new transmitters as well as upgradation of existing transmitters are received from time to time from various quarters including State Governments, and these are considered while formulating plans of TV expansion.

Free to air DTH service of Doordarshan (DD Direct+) has been launched to provide coverage to hitherto uncovered areas. The DTH bouquet consists of 33 TV and 12 Radio (AIR) channels. It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country (except A&N Islands) with the help of a small sized dish receive system.