

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

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SETTING UP OF AIR STATION AT DHANBAD
Dubey Shri Chandra Shekhar

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has requested the Government of Jharkhand for making available land for setting up of All India Radio station (Akashvani Kendra) at Dhanbad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the State Government thereto; and
- (c) the time by which the construction work of the said station is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that a site measuring 2.5 acres at Mauza Narayanpur in Dhanbad was identified for setting up of an AIR station. As the demand raised by the State Government for Rs. 76 lakhs towards the cost was on the higher side, a request for reducing the amount has been made. However, response of the State Government is awaited. The implementation of the project is likely to take about two years after the site is made available to the All India Radio by the State Government, subject of availability of funds.