

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRANSMISSION OF PAK TV IN BORDERING AREAS

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

(a) whether false propaganda is being broadcast by Pakistan from across the international border by using high power transmitters can easily be received in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Rajasthan and the security agencies have been demanding to the Union Government for increasing the number of high power transmitters and also to strengthen broadcasting system in border States particularly in areas of Rajasthan along the international border ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) : Prasar Bharati has informed that Pak TV programmes are reported to be received in parts of border districts of Rajasthan. Requests for strengthening of TV coverage in the border areas of Rajasthan have been received from time to time from various quarters. For terrestrial coverage, two high power transmitters at Jaisalmer and Barmer (interim set up) and eleven low power transmitters are presently functioning in the border districts of Rajasthan. For further expansion of terrestrial coverage, a high power transmitter is under installation at Bikaner, and capacity of the transmitter at Barmer is envisaged to be augmented to a permanent set up.

Doordarshan has launched its Ku-Band (free-to-air) DTH service which provides multi channel TV coverage in the entire country (except A & N Islands) including border areas of Rajasthan which can easily be accessed with the help of a small sized dish receive unit.