

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:529  
ANSWERED ON:22.05.2006  
TV TRANSMITTERS IN RURAL AREAS  
Pathak Shri Brajesh

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

- (a) the number of TV transmitters installed and functioning in rural areas in the country particularly Uttar Pradesh as on date;
- (b) whether a number of projects are lying pending for a long time due to lack of financial and technical sanction;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these pending projects are likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 529 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd MAY, 2006 REGARDING TV TRANSMITTERS IN RURAL AREAS

(a) to (d) : Currently, one thousand four hundred T.V. transmitters are functioning in the country including eighty-four in U.P. These provide coverage to urban as well as rural population in their respective coverage zones. Multichannel TV coverage has been provided to the entire country (except A&N Islands) through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country with the help of a small sized dish receive unit. New transmitters are not, therefore, contemplated now.

Projects are formulated and processed for financial approval from time to time taking into consideration the position of the prevailing Five Year Plan and availability of resources. Presently no transmitter project is pending for financial approval.