

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

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

- (a) the percentage of the people who have access to the programmes being telecast through Doordarshan Centre in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to expand the coverage area thereof;
- (c) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented ; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Prasar Bharati has informed that 77.1% of the population of Madhya Pradesh is technically covered by DD signals terrestrially. However, the entire state is covered by DD in satellite mode.
- (b) & (c) : The population coverage of DD in the terrestrial mode in Madhya Pradesh is expected to increase to 79.2%, consequent upon the completion of HPT's at Sagar and Chattarpur by 2006.
- (d) : Does not arise.