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

- (a) whether a large parts of the country including parts of Karnataka and Gujarat are still not covered by Doordarshan (DD) and Radio Broadcasting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether complaints have been received by the Government regarding poor quality of reception of DD and Radio programmes in different cities of the country including in Karnataka and Gujarat;and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the coverage and upgrade the broadcasting facilities at such places?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS & INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) All India Radio (AIR) signal is available to 99.16% population of the country. In Gujarat and Karnataka AIR coverage population-wise is 99% and 97.3% respectively. Doordarshan (DD) coverage in terrestrial mode is available to about 92% population of the country. In Gujarat and Karnataka DD coverage population-wise is 97% and 82% respectively. However, the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission, have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through DD's free to air DTH service, signals of which can be received all over the country (except Andaman & Nicobar Islands).
- (c) Quality of AIR and DD reception in various parts of the country is satisfactory. However, complaints of malfunctioning of some transmitters are received from time to time. All out efforts are made by DD and AIR to attend to the complaints promptly.
- (d) Modernisation and upgradation of facilities is a continuous process and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time.