

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF AIR STATIONS AND TV TRANSMITTERS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up All India Radio (AIR) stations and TV transmitters in the country including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard, State-wise;
- (e) the status of the proposals received by the Government from various States including Orissa to upgrade some Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) / Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) into High Power Transmitters (HPTs) of Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) in the country, State-wise; and
- (f) the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) & (b) The areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission, along with rest of the country, have been provided with multichannel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH services "DD Direct Plus". New Doordarshan (DD) transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are, now, not envisaged. In the 11th Plan there is no proposal to set up new AIR stations in the country as well.

(c) & (d) Surveys for selection of sites for DD and AIR are conducted whenever required.

(e) & (f) Requests for upgradation of Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) / Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) to High Power Transmitters (HPTs) are received from time to time from various quarters and these are taken into consideration while formulating the Plans of TV expansion. Requests for upgradation of VLPTs/

LPTs to HPTs in respect of DD received during last three years are given below:

State	Request
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Andhra Pradesh	Upgradation of LPT Cudappah to HPT
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Rajasthan	Upgradation of VLPT Neem Ka Thana to HPT
	Upgradation of VLPT Rajgarh to HPT

Uttar Pradesh	Upgradation of LPT Farrukhabad to HPT
	Upgradation of LPT Jhansi to HPT
	Upgradation of LPT Rae Bareli to HPT

Maharashtra	Upgradation of LPT Wardha to HPT
	Upgradation of LPT Satara to HPT

Meghalaya	Upgradation of VLPT Nongstoin to HPT
	Upgradation of VLPT Baghmara to HPT

Nagaland Upgradation of VLPT Mon to HPT
Upgradation of LPT Tuensang to HPT

Karnataka Upgradation of LPT Sirsi to HPT

Uttarakhand Upgradation of VLPT Uttarkashi to HPT

As regards AIR, the state-wise status of the proposals received from various State Governments for upgradation of existing AIR Centres in the country, along with the action taken by AIR are given in Annexure.