

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

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ANTI-INDIA PROPAGANDA
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

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

- (a) whether anti-India propaganda is being aired by neighbouring countries across the border areas of Jammu & Kashmir;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to increase its television and radio coverage in the higher reaches of the said State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up mobile transmitters at the heights of 13,000 – 14,000 feet; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to counter such propaganda?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

- (a) & (e): Yes, Sir. With the view to counter anti-India propaganda from across the border, there are several programmes mounted both in All India Radio and Doordarshan.
- (b) & (c): Strengthening of AIR and DD networks is an ongoing process. Proposals for setting up of new High Power/Low Power AIR/DD transmitters, FM transmitters, even at high altitude of Jammu and Kashmir are considered and approved by the Government as per the requirement from time to time. In addition coverage in difficult and far flung areas has been improved through free to air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". As part of the Special Package for J&K approved in September 2007, Doordarshan has provided DTH sets alongwith TV sets to Government of J&K for uncovered areas.
- (d): There is no such approved scheme at present.