

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

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RECEPTION OF DD AND IR PROGRAMMES  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the reception quality of Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes is unsatisfactory specially in the rural and bordering areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to improve the quality; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The quality of terrestrial transmissions of Doordarshan in various parts of the country, including rural and bordering areas, is generally satisfactory. However, complaints of malfunctioning of some transmitters are received from time to time. All efforts are made by Doordarshan to attend to the complaints promptly.

The reception of Akashvani programmes broadcast on MW is generally good including in rural areas with the exception of some parts in North-East region and border areas. The FM coverage in some parts of country is affected such as Murshidabad, Jammu, Aizwal etc. This is because of unstable power supply, non-availability of spares and also because transmitters have outlived their life.

(c) & (d) The areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission along with rest of the country have been provided with multi-channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". DTH signals can be received in the entire country (except Andaman & Nicobar Islands) with help of a small sized dish receive units.

As regards AIR, installation of 54 number of FM transmitters and replacement of one 1000 kW MW transmitter have been approved under Spillover scheme of 10th Plan for providing coverage to the Border areas.