

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

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UPGRADATION OF AIR DD KENDRAS

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

(a) the number of Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) Kendras / stations functioning in the country, State-wise, location-wise and DD/AIR-wise;

(b) the details of upgradation and modernization work undertaken in such stations during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, location-wise and DD/AIR-wise;

(c) the details of areas of the country yet to be covered under the broadcasting/telecasting services of DD/AIR, State-wise and location-wise; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) There are, at present, 66 Doordarshan Kendras (Studio Centres) and 1416 Transmitters functioning in the country. State-wise locations of these Doordarshan Kendras and Transmitters are given at Annexures I & II. Presently 233 All India Radio (AIR) Kendras/Stations are functioning in the country as per Annexure-III.

(b) The details of major upgradation and modernization works carried out at various Doordarshan stations during each of the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-IV. Details of upgradation and modernization in respect of AIR are at Annexure-III.

(c) & (d) In terrestrial mode, Doordarshan coverage is estimated to be available to about 92% population of the country spread over about 81% area. 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.

As regards AIR, except some part of northern and eastern border area in J&K State, western border area in Rajasthan State, eastern border area in Uttarakhand & Himachal Pradesh and border area in the North- Eastern States, the whole country is covered by AIR terrestrial Radio signal. However in the uncovered areas, AIR broadcast is available through 21 radio channels on DD DTH Direct plus platform (Ku band) , which can be received through a set top box. The state wise percentage coverage details of AIR terrestrial broadcast is given in Annexure-V.