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REGIONAL NEWS UNITS OF AIR DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional centres of Doordarshan (DD)/All India Radio(AIR) kendras in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of daily and weekly broadcasting time in terms of working hours of these kendras, kendra-wise;

(c) the names of Doordarshan Kendras which are broadcasting programmes on the basis of commission or royalty;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up AIR/DD regional news units in the country;

(e) if so, the details location-wise and AIR/DD-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) There are 115 Regional Stations of All India Radio (AIR) and state-wise list is at Annexure-I. There are 66 Doordarshan Kendras (Studio Centres) in the country as per Annexure-II.

(b) Every Regional Station of AIR broadcasts minimum of 12 hrs programmes per day or 84 hours per week, on an average. These programmes are spread in three transmissions. The broadcasting time of each station is fixed as per listening habits and life style of people living in the broadcasting zone. As regards Doordarshan (DD) details are given at Annexure-III.

(c) All DD Kendras are telecasting programmes based on in-house production and sponsored programmes except in J&K and North East region.

(d) & (e) During 11th Plan AIR has proposal to set up 7 new Regional News Units (RNU) in the country at the following places;

i. Vishakapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)

ii. Passighat (Arunchal Pradesh)

iii. Darbhanga (Bihar)

iv. Rajkot (Gujrat)

v. Poonch (J&K)

vi. Jodhpur (Rajasthan)

vii. Sambalpur (Orissa)

As regards DD, setting up of Regional News Unit (RNU) at Doordarshan Kendra, Itanagar has been approved.

(f) Does not arise.