

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

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FUNCTIONING OF PRASAR BHARATI
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pace of the installation of High Power Transmitters/Low Power transmitters/Very Low Power Transmitters has slowed down since the establishment of Prasar Bharati;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to transmit/telecast Doordarshan and All India Radio programmes all over the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The number of transmitters in Doordarshan network has increased from 924 at the time of formation of Prasar Bharati to 1416 at present. Similarly number of All India Radio (AIR) transmitters has grown from 299 at the time of formation of Prasar Bharati to 374 as on date.

(c) 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. To further increase the AIR coverage all over the country, 200 new transmitters have been approved in spillover scheme under 11th Plan.