

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2318
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009
CONVERSION OF VLPTS/LPTS INTO HPTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Low Power Transmitters (LPTs)/Very Low Power Transmitters(VLPTs) converted into High Power Transmitters (HPTs) in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received requests from the various State Governments and people representatives for setting up/ conversion of VLPTs/LPTs into HPTs in their States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State -wise; and
- (d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Thirteen LPTs were upgraded to HPTs during the last three years. State wise and Year-wise break up of these transmitters is given at Annexure. No LPT/VLPT has been upgraded to HPT during the current year.
- (b) & (c) Requests for setting up of new transmitters and upgradation of LPTs/VLPTs are received from time to time, from various quarters and these are taken into consideration, while formulating the plans of TV expansion.
- (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.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2318 FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2009.

S.No. State/UT 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

1. Assam 1

2 Bihar 1

3. Gujarat 1

4. Haryana 2

5. Himachal Pradesh 1

6. Madhya Pradesh 1 1

7 Rajasthan 1

8. Tamil Nadu 2

9. Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2