

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF TRANSMITTERS AND DD TOWERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of High Power Transmitters (HPTs) /Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) and Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) operating in the country at present, including Andhra Pradesh, State- wise and location- wise;
- (b) the total number of areas covered under the programmes relayed by the local relay centers and national network;
- (c) the total number of areas proposed to be covered during the 11th Five Year Plan, year wise and State-wise;
- (d) the total number of Doordarshan (DD) towers set up in the country at present including Andhra Pradesh, State-wise; and
- (e) the total number of such towers proposed to be set up during the 11th Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): There are 1416 TV transmitters (HPTs-213, LPTs-814, VLPTs-371, Transposers- 18) functioning in the country. State-wise locations of these transmitters are given at the Annexure.

These transmitters provide TV coverage to about 92% population of the country spread over about 81 % area.

The areas uncovered by the terrestrial transmitters 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", signals of which can be received anywhere in the country with the help of small sized dish receive units. New transmitters for expansion of TV coverage are not envisaged under 11th Plan.

As part of continuing schemes from 10th Plan, HPT projects at Mehboobnagar (Andhra Pradesh), Bilaspur (Chhatisgarh) and VLPT project at Gandhinagar (A&N Islands) are under implementation.