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NEW RADIO STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved proposals for setting up of AIR Stations in the country in the 11th Five year Plan;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up new All India Radio stations in various parts of the country during the said plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise including Bhavnagar district of Gujarat and the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore;
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment of expansion and upgradation of Doordarshan Kendras during the said plan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): In the 11th Plan, there is no proposal to set up any new AIR stations in the country. However, 100 nos. of 100 Watt FM relay transmitters at existing AIR Stations/DD Kendras and 300 nos. of FM transmitter at existing AIR stations have been approved in the 11th plan to augment FM coverage. Details are given as Annexure-I. Funds allocation for these is Rs 87.34 crore. One relay transmitter will be installed at Bhavnagar in Gujarat.

Also, 14 new AM/FM stations, 32 new FM Relay Centres and 100 nos. of 100 Watt FM Relay Transmitters as a part of 10th Plan continuing schemes are under implementation all over the country. Rs 178.61 crore have been allocated for this purpose during 11th plan. Details are given as Annexure-II

(e) and (f) : Three Doordarshan Kendras (studio Centres) continuing from 10th plan have been expanded / upgraded during 11th plan period and the projects of expansion/upgradation of four Doordarshan kendras are presently under implementation as part of 10th plan continuing schemes.State-wise details are as under:

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State/UT DDKs where expansion / DDKs where expansion/.
upgradation done during up gradation projects under
11th plan period implementation as part of
(till March,10) 10th Plan continuing schemes

A&N Islands Port Blair (aug)
Chandigarh Chandigarh (Addl.Studio)
Goa Panjai (Addl.Studio)
Jammu & Kashmir Jammu (Addl.Studio)
Leh (Print set Up)
Uttar Pradesh Gorakhpur (Print set up)
Uttarakhand Deharadun (Print set up)

In addition, 39 Studio Centers are envisaged to be fully digitalized as part of new 11th plan schemes. State-wise details are given at the Annexure-III