

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF TRANSMITTERS

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

- (a) whether the Government/Prasar Bharti have fixed any target to set up Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs)/Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) and High Power Transmitters (HPTs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the achievement made in this regard, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to upgrade the Low Power Transmission of Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action/steps taken by the Government in this regard, State-wise, location-wise, AIR and DD-wise;
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to broadcast/telecast DD/AIR programmes all over the country?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): As part of continuing schemes from Tenth Five Year Plan, 29 new transmitters are targeted to be set up by Doordarshan during 11th Plan period. Out of these, 26 transmitters have since been set up and the remaining 3 transmitters are at different stages of implementation. During Eleventh Plan 291 nos. of Transmitters of various capacities are being provided throughout the country by All India Radio. State wise locations of the above transmitters are given at Annexure-I (Doordarshan) and at Annexure-II (AIR)

(c): Yes Sir.

(d): The 3 transmitters of Doordarshan mentioned at (Annexure-I) include upgradation of LPTs at Mehboobnagar (Andhra Pradesh) & Bilaspur (Chattisgarh) to HPTs and 33 transmitters of AIR are being upgraded. State-wise details are given at (Annexure-III).

(e): Does not arise.

(f): After the completion of Scheme of upgradation of existing transmitters and the new transmitters the terrestrial coverage of AIR and DD shall further improve. 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 are available in the entire country.