

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF DD AIR STATION
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

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

- (a) whether requests have been received from various quarters by the Government to upgrade the existing Low Power Television Stations/All India Radio Stations (AIR) into full fledged Doordarshan and AIR Stations including for Kokrajhar in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation made in this regard including for the upgradation of Kokrajhar DD/AIR station; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken to upgrade the DD/AIR stations in the North Eastern region?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details in respect of AIR and Doordarshan are given in Annexure – I & II respectively.

(c) & (d) On the basis of requests received and priorities assigned schemes have been taken up for upgradation. The details in respect of AIR is given in Annexure-I and in respect of Doordarshan as given below:-

During 11th Plan period (1.4.2007 to 26.07.2010) the following LPTs have been upgraded to HPTs

LPT upgraded to HPT Approved cost (Rs. In Cr)

Port Blair (DD1 & DD News) 0.48

Kokrajhar 10.80

Saharsa 11.85

Dharmashala 11.48

Bikaner 9.40

Chattarpur 11.92

Hissar (DD1 & DD News) 16.60

As part of continuing scheme from 10th Plan, projects of upgradation of LPTs at Bilaspur and Mehboobnagar to HPTs are under implementation at a cost of Rs.11.80 Cr and Rs.10.27 Cr. respectively.

(e) As informed by Doordarshan, an interim HPT (1 kW) was commissioned at Kokrajhar in June, 2007. Permanent HPT set up (10 kW Transmitter with 150 M tower) at Kokrajhar has been commissioned with effect from 24.06.2010. There is no scheme to set up Studio Centre at Kokrajhar or to upgrade any other LPT in North East Region to HPT. The details in respect of All India Radio is given in Annexure-III.