

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:330

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2010

DIGITISATION OF DD/AIR

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved the scheme to digitise/modernise Doordarshan(DD) and All India Radio (AIR)
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated/sanctioned for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has approved the infrastructure for digitisation/modernisation of Doordarshan and All India Radio;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of areas likely to be covered under the scheme, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the digitisation/modernisation work is likely to be completed/operationalised, State-wise and DD/AIR-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 330 FOR ANSWER ON 17.08.2010

(a) to (e): Government has approved the 11th Plan scheme for the digitalisation of a part of the network of Doordarshan and All India Radio on 8th April,2010. As regards Doordarshan the Scheme inter-alia includes the projects of 40 digital transmitters and full digitalisation of 39 Studios at a cost of Rs 620 crore. As regards All India Radio, the scheme,inter-alia, includes the projects of replacement and digitalisation of 70 MW Transmitters, 34 Old FM Transmitters, setting up of 130 new digital compatible FM transmitters,9 SW transmitters and 98 studio centres at a cost Rs 908 crore. The State wise details of digitalisation and modernisation of Doordarshan and All India Radio are given at Annexure-I & II.

The digitalisation projects, as approved under the present scheme, are expected to be completed by 2013. The complete digitalisation of the network of Doordarshan/All India Radio is targeted to be completed by 2017 depending on the availability of Plan funding.