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FUNCTIONING OF DD/AIR KENDRAS

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

- (a) the number of Doordarshan Kendras (DDK)/All India Radio (AIR) Stations set up/operational/non-operational in the country alongwith the reasons for non-operation of such Kendras/ Stations State-wise including Karanataka and Orissa and DD/AIR, kendra-wise;
- (b) the time by which the non-operational kendras/ stations are likely to be made fully operational;
- (c) whether there is shortage of staff in some DDKs and AIR stations in various parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government to deploy sufficient staff, State-wise and DDK/AIR-wise;
- (e) whether various AIR stations and DDKs in the country are in a bad shape including in Mangalore; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government for smooth functioning of all establishment DDKs and AIR stations in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S.JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) & (b): At present, there are 66 Studio centres and 1415 Transmitters in Doordarshan network. Due to non availability of adequate staff, 46 Low power transmitters are presently relaying partial transmission and activities at 22 Studio centres are limited (Statewise locations given at Annexure-I). In regard to AIR, its stations are functioning at 238 places in the country. Some of new projects/schemes are technically ready but are not commissioned/functioning optimally due to non sanction of O&M staff. The details are as given below i 5 AIR stations namely Dharmanagar (Tripura), Dungarpur (Rajasthan), Rairangpur (Orissa), Suryapet (Andhra Pradesh) and Longtherai (Tripura) are technically ready , but could not be commissioned due to non receipt of O&M staff sanction. ii. 24 nos. of Stations/channels are only relaying programme in-spite of availability of production facilities due to non sanction of O&M staff. Details are given as Annexure-II.

(c): Yes Sir

(d) : The information is being collected from Prasar Bharti .

(e) & (f): Yes Sir. Presently, 380 Radio Transmitters (FM : 177 nos., MW: 149 nos., SW: 54 nos.) of various capacities are working in the country. The 10 kW FM transmitter installed at Mangalore is working satisfactorily. However some of the AIR Transmitters are working sub-optimally as these transmitters have outlived their useful life of more than 20 years. Also problems have been experienced due to overall shortage of staff in the AIR network. The old Transmitters are being replaced in phased manner with the state of the art latest Digital Technology Transmitters. Replacement / upgradation of 34 nos. of old FM transmitters, 40 nos. of old MW transmitters and 5 nos. of old SW transmitters has been taken up under the New Scheme in the 11th Five Year Plan. After replacement of the above mentioned transmitters the quality of reception of the programme would improve substantially.