

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

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NON-FUNCTIONING OF TRANSMITTERS

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

- (a) whether due to lack of adequate staff 46 Low Power Transmitters are presently relaying partial transmission and the activities at 22 studio centres in the country are limited;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof;
- (c) the details of new schemes/projects which are technically ready but could not be commissioned along with reasons therefore and the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether some other All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras are also facing financial crunch and shortage of manpower for operation of the said projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. State-wise locations of 46 Low Power Transmitters relaying partial transmission and 22 Studios in Doordarshan having limited activities due to acute shortage of staff in Doordarshan network are mentioned in the Annexure-I. Staff has not been sanctioned for manning new Doordarshan stations for the last about 10 years. However, Doordarshan stations have been operationalized by making redeployment of essential staff drawn from other stations. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to utilize its facilities optimally within the constraint of available resources.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. There are 5 AIR Stations namely Dharmanagar (Tripura), Dungarpur (Rajasthan), Rairangpur (Orissa), Suryapet (Andhra Pradesh) and Longtherai (Tripura) which are technically ready, but could not be commissioned due to non availability of staff essentially required for operation and maintenance of these facilities.

During the last 10 years projects/schemes of AIR have been commissioned without availability of necessary Operation & Maintenance staff due to which these projects/schemes are not functioning optimally. As many as 23 new AIR Stations/channels are only relaying programme in-spite of availability of production facilities due to non-availability of Operation & Maintenance staff. The list of such stations/facilities is given in Annexure-II. Constraints are also being encountered at other stations for optimum utilization of transmission facilities due to same reasons.

Proposal for creation of posts for operation and maintenance for the new AIR and Doordarshan Projects/Schemes is under active consideration.

There is no financial constraint in operation of Doordarshan and AIR Stations.