

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION OF DDK/AIR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has proposed / proposes to modernize and upgrade all the Doordarshan Kendras (DDK) and All India Radio (AIR) Stations functioning in the country including Calicut DDK;

(a) if so, details thereof, DDK/AIR-wise and State-wise; (

(c) whether the Government has approved any scheme for the purpose during the 11th Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated/ expenditure incurred so far on the said scheme; and

(e) the achievement made in this regard so far, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. At present, 207 AIR Stations are being modernized/ digitalized under the "Digitalization Scheme" & the "Improvement of Facilities" scheme approved in 11th Plan as per details given in Annexure-I.

39 Doordarshan Kendras as per details given in Annexure-II are envisaged to be made fully digital as part of their 11th Plan scheme "Digitalization of Transmitters & Studios in Doordarshan network". 20 Doordarshan Kendras as per details given in Annexure III are envisaged to be modernized by providing additional equipment as part of Doordarshan's another scheme under the 11th plan "Modernization, Augmentation & Replacement of Transmitter and Studio equipment". At present, no scheme is envisaged for DDK, Calicut.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. The schemes for "Digitalization of AIR network" and "Improvement of Facilities" have been approved for an amount of Rs. 936.12 crores. So far Rs 27.55 crores have been spent under these schemes. The scheme "Digitalization of Transmitters & Studios in Doordarshan network" has been approved at a cost of 620 crores and Doordarshan's another scheme "Modernization, Augmentation & Replacement of Transmitter and Studio equipment" has been approved at a cost of Rs. 298.57 crore. Expenditure (till June, 11) incurred under the above schemes is Rs. 4.03 crore.

(e) AIR Works are at different stages of execution. Tenders for most of the major Equipment have been called and orders have been placed for equipment worth Rs. 100 Crores. Building modification and other departmental works are also being carried out.

Action for procurement of new equipment for the above Doordarshan Kendras has been initiated.