

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AIR STATIONS/TRANSMITTERS

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

- (a) the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the State Governments for setting up of Doordarshan Kendras (DDK)/All India Radio (AIR) Stations and transmitters in their respective States including rural areas;
- (b) the action taken thereon during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether proposals have been received by the Union Government from the State Governments including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand for upgradation of Low Power Transmitters of AIR and DD during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such proposals are likely to be approved, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that 26 nos. of proposals have been received from the various State Government to set up All India Radio (AIR) Stations/ transmitters in their respective States including rural areas. The state-wise details of the proposals, received during last three years and the current year along with the action taken are given in Annexure-I.

As regards Doordarshan proposals for new Doordarshan Kendras/Transmitters received from various State Governments during the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year	No. of new Doordarshan Kendras proposed by State Government	No. of new Transmitters Proposed by State Government
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2008-09	1	6
2009-10	6	5
2010-11	Nil	1
2011-12	Nil	Nil

(till July, 11)

New transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are, now, not envisaged as all the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission, along with rest of the country, have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". There is no scheme to set up any new DDK at the places requested by State Governments.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. As regards All India Radio, the state-wise details of the proposals received from the State Government for upgradation of Low Power Transmitters is given in Annexure-II. No proposals have been received from the State Government of Bihar and Jharkhand. Some of the proposals have already been approved under 11th Plan which is likely to be completed by December 2013.

As regards Doordarshan requests for upgradation of LPTs to HPTs received from various State Governments during last three years are given below:

State	Request
Nagaland	Upgradation of LPT, Tuensang
Orissa	Upgradation of LPT, Rairangpur
Bihar	Upgradation of LPT, Phulbani
	Upgradation of LPT, Kishanganj
	Upgradation of LPT, Motihari

Further expansion of terrestrial coverage is now, not envisaged as multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus" has been provided in the entire country. There is no scheme to upgrade any of the above mentioned Low power transmitters.