

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MODERN EQUIPMENT FOR DDK/AIR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the equipment installed in Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) and All India Radio (AIR) stations have become outdated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to replace them with new modern equipment; and
- (c) the achievements made as a result of these efforts so far, DDK/AIR-wise and State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No Sir. Out of total 66 DD Kendras (Studio Centres) in DD network, 21 studios centres are fully digital and 31 Studio centres are partially digital. Projects of full digitalization of 39 studio centre (31 partially digital and 8 analog Studio centres) have been approved as part of 11th Five Year Plan and are under implementation. Locations of the above studio centres are given at Annexure-I. As part of another 11th Five Year Plan Scheme, projects of modernization of 20 DD Kendras by providing additional equipment have been approved and are under implementation. Locations of these DD Kendras are given in Annexure-II.

At present, 208 AIR stations are being modernized/digitalized under the Digitalization Scheme & the IOF scheme approved in the 11th Five Year Plan, and these are expected to be completed by March, 2013. The State wise details of these 208 stations are given in Annexure-III.