

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRANSMISSION OF DD PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ensure that Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) programmes reach all parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of High Power/Low Power/Very Low Power Transmitters of DD/AIR proposed to be set up in various parts of the country including far flung areas, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) the names of States where AIR/DD relay centres have not been established so far alongwith the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in this regard;
- (d) whether Government proposes to set up such centres in various parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and DD/AIR wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that at present there are 1415 Doordarshan Transmitters (High Power Transmitter – 214, Low Power Transmitter-812, Very Low Power Transmitter-371 & Transposers-18) functioning in the country. State-wise break up is given in Annexure-1. In addition, six High Power Transmitter projects (Andhra Pradesh-1, Jammu & Kashmir-5) & a Very Low Power Transmitter in Andaman & Nicobar Islands are presently under implementation.

As regards All India Radio, they plan to provide coverage to 100% population of the country. In order to augment the existing coverage, the power of 28 transmitters of AIR is being upgraded during the 11th Plan as per the details given in Annexure-II. In addition, 297 Nos. of AM/FM Transmitters of various capacities are being installed throughout the country during the 11th Plan as per details given in Annexure-III. All States in the country have some AIR Relay Stations. As regards Doordarshan, all the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission alongwith the rest of the country have been provided with multi-channel TV coverage through DD's free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus", the signals of which can be received all over the country.

(d) & (e) Yes Sir. 242 Nos. of AM/FM Transmitters of various capacities are being installed throughout the country during the 11th Plan as per details given in Annexure-IV.