

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DD/AIR KENDRAS IN NE STATES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of full-fledged Doordarshan Studios/Kendras and Akashwani Kendras functioning in the country including North Eastern States. State-wise and Doordarshan/Akashwani-wise;
- (b) the present status of manpower working in such kendras alongwith the number of posts lying vacant and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which such vacant posts are likely to be filled, State-wise including North Eastern States;

Answer

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

(a): Prasar Bharati has intimated that there are 66 Doordarshan kendras (Studio Centres) in the country (including Kendras in NE States). Out of the above 66 Doordarshan Kendras, 13 Kendras are full-fledged Kendras, where 24 hrs. Doordarshan channels originate. State-wise locations of the above Doordarshan Kendras are given at the Annexure-I.

As regards All India Radio, presently 210 full-fledged Akashwani Kendras (broadcasting centers) of All India Radio are functioning in the country including North Eastern States. Statewise details are given in Annexure-II.

(b): Prasar Bharati has informed that 5555 posts out of total 21,700 posts sanctioned for Doordarshan Kendras are presently vacant. Out of above mentioned 66 Doordarshan Kendras, no staff has been sanctioned for manning 22 Studio centres, which have been operationalised by way of redeployment of staff drawn from other Doordarshan stations. Reasons are given below:

- (i) Ban on recruitment;
- (ii) Notifications of Recruitment Rules is under process; and
- (iii) Notification of Recruitment Board of Prasar Bharati is under process.

As regards All India Radio, as on 01.01.2011, out of total 26322 nos. of sanctioned posts of AIR. 8469 nos. of posts are vacant throughout the country. There was a ban on filling up Director Recruit vacancies imposed by Government except those vacant posts which were cleared by Screening Committee under ADRP and SC/ST vacancies. Some promotional posts are lying vacant due to litigation in various courts.

(c): Prasar Bharati has informed that there is acute shortage of staff in Doordarshan Network Staff has not been sanctioned for manning new Doordarshan stations for the last about 11 years. It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to deploy adequate staff at various Doordarshan stations to the extent possible within the constraints of available resources. No time frame for filling up the vacant posts can be indicated.

As regards All India Radio, the posts in All India Radio are not created state-wise. The action to fill up the D/R vacancies including 1902 vacancies cleared by the Screening Committee under ADRPs has been initiated. With regard to filling up of vacancies in promotional cases, the DPCs are being held periodically and this is a continuous process.