

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:81  
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DD AIR RELAY CENTRE IN MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to establish Doordarshan (DD) Relay Centre (LPT/HPT) and All India Radio(AIR) Station in Maharashtra including Shirdi;and
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that 121 TV transmitters (HPTs-13, LPTs-88, VLPTs-20) including a LPT at Shirdi, are presently functioning in Maharashtra. The areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission along with the rest of the country have been provided multichannel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free -to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". New transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are not envisaged at present. As part of Doordarshan Digitalization scheme, projects of digital HPTs at Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune and Aurangabad in Maharashtra have been approved.

As part of approved 10th Plan Continuing scheme in 11th Plan, 10 kW FM Radio Station is being setup at Amravati which would be technically ready by December' 2011. However, there is no approved scheme for establishment of Radio Station at Shirdi.

In addition to this, in the 11th Plan, FM Transmitters are being set up at following 11 places in Maharashtra.

S.No. Place Capacity of FM Transmitter

1 Brahmapuri 100 Watt

2 Buldana 100 Watt

3 Gondia 100 Watt

4 Jalana 100 Watt

5 Jalgaon 5 kW

6 Malegaon 100 Watt

7 Parbhani 1 kW

8 Ratnagiri 1 kW

9 Sangli 1 kW

10 Sholapur 10 kW

11 Wardha 100 Watt

(c) Does not arise.