

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

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CRITERIA FOR DD/FM RADIO  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria laid down for setting up of Doordarshan (DD) towers and FM radio stations in cities and town in the country;
- (b) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the people's representatives for setting up of Doordarshan towers and FM radio stations in various parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

**Answer**

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

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that the criteria followed by Doordarshan for establishment of TV transmitters (towers) includes various factors such as extent of resultant coverage to urban and rural population; provision of coverage to tribal, hilly, remote and border areas & terrain conditions etc.

As regards criteria for setting up of FM radio stations, All India Radio has informed that initially FM Radio Station were setup in all metro cities in the country. Later, it was decided to have Local Radio Station with FM transmitters in smaller cities in the country to cover that district / city.

(b) & (c). Request for setting up of Doordarshan transmitters (towers) and FM radio stations in various parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh have been received from time to time from various quarters.

The state-wise details of the requests including Madhya Pradesh for establishment of TV transmitters during the last three years are given at Annexure-I.

All areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission, alongwith rest of the country have provided with multichannel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". New transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now, not envisaged. There is no scheme to set up any new transmitter at the places requested.

The State-wise details of the requests received along with the action taken report including Madhya Pradesh for setting up of FM Radio Stations are given at Annexure-II