

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

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UPGRADATION OF DD AIR STATIONS .  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives, in response to several representations to upgrade the existing LPT TV Station/AIR Station in Kokrajhar, Assam to a full-fledged Doordarshan Kendra and Radio Station; ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up the required number of full-fledged Doordarshan Kendras and AIR Stations in different tribal dominated areas of the North-Eastern Region including Bodoland Territory to promote traditional art and cultures, customs and traditions, languages and literature, way of life of the civilizations of the indigenous tribal people of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan LPT at Kokrajhar has already been upgraded to a 10 kW HPT w.e.f. 24.06.2010. There is no scheme to set up a Studio centre at Kokrajhar.

AIR Kokrajhar is already a full fledged Radio Station with programme production facilities and a 20 kW MW Transmitter This Transmitter covers areas around Kokrajhar having a radius of 70 Km approximately. The replacement of existing analogue Studio equipment with modern digital equipment is under implementation. The upgradation of existing 20 kW MW Transmitter by new digital transmitter at Kokrajhar and a new 10 kW FM Transmitter at Kokrajhar have been proposed in the 12th Five Year Plan, however, finalization of schemes under 12th Plan would be subject to allocation of funds

(d) & (e) There are 12 Doordarshan Studio Centres functioning in North Eastern Region and these cater to the programme requirements of different areas of North-Eastern Region including the tribal areas.

As regards Radio, in order to promote traditional art and culture, customs and traditions, languages and literature, way of life of the civilizations of the indigenous tribal people of the country, the power of four existing MW Transmitters of AIR is being upgraded. 105 additional FM Transmitters of various capacities are being

installed and full-fledged FM stations at following 6 places are being set up in the North-Eastern Region:-

S.No. Place State Power of Transmitter

1. Dibrugarh Assam 1 kW FM
2. Tezpur Assam 1 kW FM
3. Silchar Assam 5 kW FM
4. Tura Meghal 5 kW FM  
aya
5. Gangtok Sikkim 10kW FM
6. Longtherai Tripura 5 kW FM

The schemes for setting up of full-fledged FM stations at 8 more places in North-Eastern Region have been proposed in 12th Five Year Plan, which would however be subject to allocation of funds.

