

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

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FUNCTIONING OF TRANSMITTERS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of Low Power Transmitters (LPTs), High Power Transmitters (HPTs) and Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) set up in the country, State-wise including West Bengal;
- (b) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding faulty/non-functioning of these Transmitters alongwith the steps taken to improve their functioning during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of these Transmitters installed in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise including West Bengal;
- (d) the total number of LPTs/VLPTs converted into HPTs during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including West Bengal;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received requests from various State Governments and peoples' representatives for setting up and conversion of VLPTs/LPTs/HPTs in the their States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon and the time by which these Transmitters are likely to be set up during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that at present, 1415 Transmitters [HPTs-214, LPTs-812, VLPTs-389] are functioning in the country. State-wise details are given at Annexure-I.
- (b) Performance of TV transmitters in Doordarshan network is generally satisfactory, though complaints of malfunctioning of some of the transmitters are received from time to time. No centralized data is maintained in this regard. All out efforts are made by Doordarshan to attend to the complaints promptly. However, in the case of VLPTs, which are unmanned installations, it takes some time to attend to the complaints, as maintenance staff has to be sent from the designated Maintenance Centres.
- (c) 131 new TV transmitters were installed in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan. State-wise details of these transmitters are given at Annexure-II.
- (d) One LPT at Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh was upgraded to HPT during 2010-11. No other LPT/VLPT has been upgraded to HPT during the last three years and the current year.
- (e) & (f) Request for setting up/upgradation of TV Transmitters are received from time to time from various quarters. Some of the requests received from State Governments/Peoples' representatives received during the last three years are as under:
- i. Establishment of new TV Transmitters at Karahal and Veerpur (Madhya Pradesh); Sarkaghat (Himachal Pradesh);Mavellikara (Kerala); Gajapati (Odisha); Munyalikhet (Uttarakhand); Ghansu Banger (Uttarakhand); Karmala (Maharashtra); Tamlu Town (Nagaland); Begun (Rajasthan).
  - ii. Upgradation of VLPT Egra (West Bengal) to HPT; LPT Rairangpur (Odisha) to HPT; LPT Karauli (Rajasthan) to HPT; LPT Wardha (Maharashtra) to HPT; VLPT Neem Ka Thana (Rajasthan) to HPT; LPT Farukhabad (Uttar Pradesh) to HPT.

New transmitters (except a few in border areas) for expansion of terrestrial coverage are, now, not envisaged as all the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters, along with rest of the country, have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus".

There is no scheme to set up any new transmitter/ upgradation of existing transmitter at any of the places, requested by State Governments/Peoples' representatives.