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HIGH POWER TRANSMITTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of High Power Transmitters (HPTs) of All India Radio stations in Tamil Nadu and other States including Tirunelveli and Madurai with relay Transmission of Vividh Bharati, new FM channels and National Broadcasting programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said HPT of FM channels are likely to be made functional?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the existing 30 nos. of High Power Medium Wave Transmitter & 5 nos. of High Power Short Wave transmitter are being replaced by new Digital DRM Transmitter including 200 kW MW Transmitter at Chennai and 100 kW MW transmitter at Tiruchirapalli meant for Primary Channel Service in Tamil Nadu. Installation of these High Power Transmitters (HPTs) of All India Radio is likely to be completed in 2014.

Apart from this, currently 25 nos. of new 10 kW FM and 4 nos. of new 20 kW FM Transmitters are being setup in the country. Installation of these Transmitters of All India Radio is likely to be completed in 2014. 10 kW FM transmitter at Tirunelveli and Madurai have already been commissioned recently and these two transmitters are relaying Vividh Bharati Service of AIR.

Setting up of new high power FM Transmitters and replacement of existing high power Medium Wave, Short Wave and FM transmitter by latest technology transmitters have also been proposed in the 12th Five Year Plan, which would however be subject to the allocation of funds and approval by Planning Commission.