

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPGRADATION OF TRANSMITTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up High Power Transmitters (HPTs)/Low Power Transmitters (LPTs)/Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) of Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise including Mavellikkara in Alappuzha district of Kerala;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the LPTs/VLPTs into HPTs in various parts of the country including Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (e) the time by which the above transmitters are likely to be upgraded/set up; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that during the 11th Plan, Doordarshan has commissioned 27 new High Power Transmitters (HPTs)/Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) in various parts of the country. State-wise locations are given in Annexure-I.

As part of continuing schemes from 11th Plan, following new TV Transmitter projects are under implementation:-

- 1. Jammu & Kashmir
 - i. Three HPTs (one each in Kashmir, Jammu & Ladakh region)
 - ii. Two HPTs at Rajouri (upgradation of DD1 LPT to HPT & HPT DD News)
- II. Andhra Pradesh
 - HPT Mehboobnagar (upgradation from LPT to HPT)
- iii. Andaman & Nicobar Islands VLPT, Joginder Nagar

As part of 11th Plan scheme of Digitalization of Doordarshan network, projects of 40 digital High Power Transmitters are under implementation. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-II.

As regards All India Radio, 263 new MW/FM Transmitters of various capacities are already being set up by them all over the country. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-III.

Proposal for setting up of new FM Transmitters of various capacities all over the country has also been made in the 12th Five Year Plan.

(c) to (f): There is no approved scheme to upgrade any LPT/VLPT to HPT. 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 +", signals of which can be received anywhere in the country with the help of small sized dish receive units. New transmitter for expansion of terrestrial coverage are, now, not envisaged except some in border areas.