

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONING OF AKASHWANI / DDK AS RELAY CENTRES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) and Akashvani stations are functioning in the country including Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh only as relay centres despite their having been completed for years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, location-wise and DDK/ Akashvani-wise; and
- (c) the time by which sufficient facilities and staff are likely to be provided for direct telecasting /broadcasting of DD/ Akashvani services?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that 11 AIR Stations has been made functional as Relay Centre by redeployment of staff from other stations as sanction of fresh Operation & Maintenance posts fro these stations is under process and therefore, production facilities at these stations could not be utilized.. The state-wise list is given in Annexure-1.

As regards Doordarshan, at present, there are 67 Doordarshan Kendras (Studio Centres) functioning in the country. State-wise locations are given in Annexure-II. No staff has been sanctioned for manning 23 Doordarshan Kendras out of above mentioned 67 Doordarshan Kendras. Due to non availability of adequate staff, activities at some Doordarshan Kendras are limited.

Â© The proposal for sanction of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) staff for new AIR Stations and Doordarshan Kendras and filling up of critical vacancies in their network is under active consideration. It is the constant endeavour of Prasar Bharati to utilize the facilities optimally within the constraint of available resources.