

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

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

- (a) the total number of Doordarshan (DD) and Radio Stations functioning in the country, location, DD and Radio Station-wise;
- (b) the details of the upgradation and modernisation works carried out in various Doordarshan and radio stations during each of the last three years and the current year, location, DD and Radio Station-wise;
- (c) the details of the places in the country which are not yet covered by the services of DD and radio stations along with the reasons therefor, location, DD and Radio Station-wise; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) Prasar Bharati has reported that at present Doordarshan has 67 Studio centres and 1415 TV transmitters (of varying power) functioning in the country. Statewise locations of Doordarshan's studio centres and transmitters are given at Annexure-I.

As regards All India Radio, at present there are 299 AIR Stations functioning at different places in the country. The State-wise locations are given in Annexure-II.

(b) The details of major upgradation/ modernization works carried out at various Doordarshan stations during each of the last three years and the current year, DD station-wise, are given at Annexure-III.

In respect of All India Radio, the details of the up-gradation and modernisation work under Five years Plan scheme carried out during each of the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-IV. Apart from this, at present, modernisation & up-gradation has been undertaken at 207 AIR Stations under various schemes approved in 11th Plan, which are expected to be completed by 2013.

(c) & (d) Doordarshan coverage in terrestrial mode is estimated to be available to about 92% of the population spread over about 81% area of the country. All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission, (as well as the country as a whole) have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service.

As regards All India Radio, presently the terrestrial coverage is 91.87% area and 99.19% population of the country. Only 0.81% of the population of the country living in the uncovered areas is not receiving programmes of All India Radio through terrestrial Radio network. The uncovered areas are mostly thinly populated high altitude hilly and desert areas comprising of some part of northern and eastern border area in J&K State, western border area in Rajasthan State, eastern border area in Uttarakhand & Himachal Pradesh and north and north-eastern of Arunachal Pradesh and other states of Border area in the North-Eastern. In order to further augment the terrestrial coverage in the country, the power of 12 transmitters of AIR is being upgraded and 244 additional MW / FM Transmitters of various capacities are being installed throughout the country. Proposal for setting up of additional FM Transmitters of various capacities all over the country has also been included in the 12th Plan for which proposals are under process.

In the areas not covered by terrestrial transmissions 21 radio channels (Programmes) of AIR are available through DD Direct plus DTH platform (Ku-band) and these programmes can be received through a set top box on DTH Platform.