

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1706  
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2012  
FUNCTIONING OF DDK /AKASHVANI AS RELAY CENTRES  
Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar

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

- (a) whether a number of Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) and Akashvani Kendras are functioning in the country including Jharkhand only as relay centres despite having been completed for years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefore, State-wise, location-wise, DDK and Akashvani-wise; and
- (c) the time by which adequate facilities and staff are likely to be provided for live telecast/broadcast of Doordarshan/Akashvani programmes in such Kendras?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has reported that at present Doordarshan has 67 Kendras (Studio Centres) including 2 in Jharkhand, functioning in the country. State-wise locations are given at Annexure-I. Due to staff constraints, activities at some Doordarshan Kendras are limited. Nonetheless, it is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to utilise the facilities optimally within the constraint of available resources.

As regards All India Radio, 11 AIR Stations have been made functional as relay centre by redeployment of staff from other stations. The State-wise list is given in Annexure-II. However, government has recently allowed Prasar Bharati to recruit 1150 new operational staff which would help ameliorate the issue.