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DEVELOPMENT OF DD/ AIR NETWORKS

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

- (a) the details of projects taken up for the development of Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) networks along with the other infrastructure in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (b) the present status of the said projects;
- (c) whether there is any delay in completion of these projects;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken for expeditious completion of the said projects;
- (e) the details of projects proposed/approved for implementation along with their estimated cost during the 12th Five Year Plan; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for completion of such projects expeditiously?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The details of projects taken up for development of Doordarshan and All India Radio network in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, along with their status are given in Annexure I & II respectively.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. However, it is the constant endeavour of AIR/Doordarshan to complete the projects at the earliest. The following were the main reasons for delay in completion of projects:-

- i) Procedural delay in approval/sanction for the projects under New Schemes;
- ii) Delay in acquisition of sites for new stations from State Governments/clearance from Ministry of Defence;
- iii) Delay in completion of Building works at few places due to difficult local & other conditions;
- iv) Delay in sanction required for placing the purchase order for major equipment; and
- v) Delay in receiving Frequency authorization from WPC, Ministry of Communications & IT required for import license and commissioning of the FM Transmitters.

Following steps have been taken by Prasar Bharati to complete the schemes within stipulated time :

- # A High level Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of CEO, Prasar Bharati for regular Project monitoring and progress of the schemes and taking corrective actions, wherever required.
- # An Empowered committee of finance was constituted to resolve all issues related to finance.
- # A Project monitoring committee was constituted under the chairmanship of DG, AIR/DD to strengthen the monitoring mechanism for AIR/DD projects.
- # Nodal Officers were nominated for the schemes included in RFD.
- # The sanctioning power of DG has been restored to Rs. 20 crore.
- # Time Schedule for procurement and all other major activities of a project has been drawn and the progress is being monitored.
- Power to purchase equipment/ stores of less than Rs. 300 Cr. has been delegated to Prasar Bharati.

(e) & (f) An outlay of Rs.5,397 crore (New Schemes – Rs.2950 crore and Continuing Schemes – Rs.2447 crore) is likely to be allocated for hardware schemes of Doordarshan & All India Radio in 12th Five Year Plan. However, the individual 12th Plan Schemes of All India Radio & Doordarshan are yet to be approved by the Government.