

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF DD/AIR STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) stations proposed to be set up in the country during the 12th Five Year Plan, DD/AIR and State-wise;
- (b) the locations identified for setting up of such DD/AIR stations and towers and the time by which these are likely to be set up and made functional;
- (c) the details of the areas in the country which do not have any DD/Akashwani Kendras;
- (d) the details of proposals received by the Union Government from the States for setting up of DD/Akashwani Kendras along with the action taken in each of the said proposals during each of the last three years and the current year DD/Akashwani Kendra and State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which all the areas of the country are likely to be linked with DD/Akashwani networks?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : The individual 12th Plan Schemes of All India Radio and Doordarshan are yet to be approved by the Government.

(c): At present, there are 67 Studio centres and 1415 TV transmitters (HPTs-214, LPTs-812, VLPTs-389) in Doordarshan network. All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters, along with rest of the country have been provided with multichannel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct Plus".

As regards All India Radio, the broadcast service of AIR are provided through 461 AM/ FM transmitters installed all over the country with terrestrial coverage of 91.87% area and 99.19% population of the country and only 0.81 % of the population of the country living in the 8.13% uncovered areas is not getting programmes of AIR through terrestrial Radio network. Apart from this, 21 radio channels (Programmes) of AIR are available through DD Direct plus DTH platform (Ku-band) all over the country including areas not covered by terrestrial transmissions (excluding Andaman & Nicobar Islands areas).

The uncovered areas are mostly thinly populated high altitude hilly and desert areas comprising of some parts of northern and eastern border area in J&K State, western border area in Rajasthan State, eastern border area in Uttrakhand & Himachal Pradesh and north and north-eastern of Arunachal Pradesh and other states of border area in the North- East.

(d): Proposal for new Doordarshan Kendras / Transmitters received from various State Government during the last three years and the current year are mentioned below:

Year	No. of new Doordarshan Kendras proposed by State Govts.	No. of new transmitters Proposed by State Govts.
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2009-10	6	5
2010-11	Nil	1
2011-12	Nil	3
2012-13		
(till Nov., 2012)	Nil	Nil

Transmitters for expansion of TV coverage (except a few in border areas) are now not envisaged.

The state-wise details of the proposals received by All India Radio from the States for setting up of Akashwani Kendras along with the

action taken on each of the said proposal during each of the last three years (and the current year) is given in Annexure.

(e): In terrestrial mode, TV coverage is available to about 92% population of the country spread over about 81% area. All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters along with rest of the country have been provided with multichannel TV coverage through Dooradsrahn's free to air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". New transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now not envisaged (except a few in border areas).

All the areas of the country are already covered by AIR channels either through terrestrial transmissions or in satellite mode. Apart from this, 21 radio channels (Programmes) of AIR are available through DD Direct plus DTH platform (Ku-band) all over the country including areas not covered by terrestrial transmissions (excluding Andaman & Nicobar Islands areas).