

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

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TARGET FOR SETTING UP OF TRANSMITTERS

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

(a) whether the Government/ Prasar Bharati have fixed any target to set up Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs), Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) and High Power Transmitters (HPTs) during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the achievement made in this regard, State and year-wise;

(c) the target fixed for the said purpose during the current Five Year Plan and the efforts being made to achieve the said target, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government had set up digital high power TV transmitters in various parts of the country including Hyderabad during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

**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 as part of continuing schemes from the 10th Plan of Doordarshan, 29 new TV transmitters (HPTs-9, VLPTs-20) were targeted to be set up under the 11th Plan. Out of these, 28 TV transmitters (HPTs-9, VLPTs-19) have since been commissioned. State and year-wise locations of the above transmitters are given at Annexure-I.

The remaining transmitter i.e. VLPT, Joginder Nagar is under implementation and the project is expected to be commissioned during 2013.

In addition, a scheme for strengthening of Radio & TV coverage in J&K, involving an outlay of Rs. 100 crore has been approved in the 11th Plan. This scheme, inter-alia, includes projects of establishment of five High Power TV transmitters at the following locations:

Natha Top

Green Ridge

Himbotingla

Rajouri (DD1 & DD News).

Sites for the above transmitters have been finalized. All out efforts are being made to complete the projects at the earliest. As per present indications, the above transmitters are expected to be installed, in phases, by end of 2014.

The 12th Five Year Plan proposals of Doordarshan are yet to be approved.

(d) & (e) Projects for establishment of 40 digital high power TV transmitters, including one at Hyderabad, were approved under 11th Plan. State-wise locations of these transmitters are given at Annexure-II. The above mentioned digital transmitters are being implemented in two phases (Phase I – 19, Phase II – 21). Orders for supply & installation of antenna & cable for 19 towers has been placed and work is in progress. Action for procurement of 19 digital transmitters is in progress. As per present indications, digital transmitters are expected to be installed in phases by 2014.