

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total number of Low Power Transmitters (LPTs), High Power Transmitters (HPTs) and Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) set up in the country, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding faulty/non-functioning of these transmitters along with the steps taken to improve their functioning during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of these transmitters installed in the country during the XI Five Year Plan, state-wise and location-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has approved any scheme for installation of more high power TV transmitters in various parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that there are 1415 transmitters (HPTs-214, LPTs-812, VLPTs-389) in their network. State-wise locations are given at Annexure-I.
- (b) The Performance of TV transmitters in Doordarshan network is generally satisfactory, though complainants of malfunctioning of some of the transmitters are received from time to time. All out efforts are made by Doordarshan to attend to the complaints promptly. However, in case of very low power transmitters, which are unmanned installations, it may take some time to attend to the complaints, as maintenance staff has to be sent from the designated Maintenance Centres.
- (c) 27 new TV transmitters were installed in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan. State-wise locations are given at Annexure-II.
- (d) & (e) New transmitters for expansion of TV coverage (except a few in border areas) are now not envisaged as 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". A scheme for establishment of five high power TV transmitters at (a) Green Ridge (Uri) (b) Himbotingla Top (Kargil) (c) Natha Top (Jammu) (d) Rajouri (Jammu) – (DD1 & DD News) in J&K has been approved. Besides, a high power transmitter is under installation at Mehboobnagar.