

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

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FUNCTIONING OF TV RELAY CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of television relay centres set up in the country including in tribal areas, location-wise;
- (b) the total amount spent on the said relay centres during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the number of relay centres that are not working properly in the country including tribal areas along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the functioning of such relay centres?

**Answer**

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

(a) Prasar Bharati has reported that 1415 TV Transmitters (Relay Centres) are at present functioning in the country (including transmitters in tribal areas). Location-wise details of above transmitters are given in Annexure-I.

(b) State-wise allocation is not being made for T.V. relay centres. However, the details of total amount spent on T.V. Relay centres throughout the country for the last three years and current year are given below:-

Year Expenditure

2009-10 286.38 cr.  
2010-11 365.91 cr.  
2011-12 370.59 cr.  
2012-13 241.81 cr.  
(upto Oct. 2012)

(c) & (d) The performance of TV transmitters in Doordarshan's network is generally satisfactory, though complaints 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 the case of VLPTs, 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.

Due to staff constraints, 41 Low Power TV Transmitters (including transmitters in tribal areas) are used for partial transmission only. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to utilize its facilities optimally within the constraints of available resources.