

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether some Akashvani Kendras in the country including in Ujjain and Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh have not been made functional despite completion of the construction work of the buildings of the said Kendras;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, Akashvani Kendra-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take action against the officials responsible for the said delay;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore and the time by which the said Kendras including Ujjain and Rewa Kendras are likely to be made functional?

Answer

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

- (a) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that some Akashvani Kendras could not be made functional as per details given below:-
- (i) Construction of 9 new AIR Stations in different States has been completed. These would be made functional on placement of Operation & Maintenance Staff. Location-wise details are given at Annexure
 - ii) 5 kW FM transmitter at Ujjain is in advanced stage of commissioning.
 - iii) A 20 kW MW AIR station at Rewa, is functional since 02.10.1977.

Government have also recently allowed filling up of 1150 posts in Prasar Bharati despite austerity orders to meet critical organizational needs.