

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) Whether the Government has chalked out any scheme to digitalise the Doordarshan (DD) stations/studio and All India Radio (AIR) stations to compete with the private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, DD/AIR station and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated/released under the scheme along with the outlines of the scheme; and
- (d) the time by which the work is likely to be started and completed, DD/AIR station and State/UT-wise ?

Answer

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

(a) to(d): Prasar Bharati has informed that under the scheme of "Digitalization of AIR network" approved under 11th Plan at a cost of Rs 908.12 crores. Projects at 165 stations have been taken up .The (AIR) Station-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

As regards Doordarshan, a scheme of "Digitalization of Transmitters and Studios in DD Network", as part of 11th Five Year Plan has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 620 crore. The scheme, interalia, includes projects for full digitalization of 39 studios & establishment of 40 digital transmitters. State-wise locations of the above mentioned 39 studios & 40 digital transmitters are given at Annexure-II.