

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

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MODERNISATION OF DD AKASHVANI KENDRAS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade and modernise the Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) set up in the country including Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and DDK/Akashvani-wise;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to enhance the transmission capacity of DDKs and Akashvani Kendras in the country including Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and DDK/Akashvani-wise
- (e) whether the proposal for setting up of new transmitters for DD for the 12th Five Year Plan has not been approved and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that upgradation/modernization of Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras is a continuous process and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time.

As part of Doordarshan's continuing schemes from 11th Plan the following projects of modernization have been taken up:-

1. Digital HPTs (40 nos.) – as per details given at Annexure-I
2. Full digitalization of 39 Studio Centres – as per details given at Annexure-II
3. Replacement of existing old HPTs (15 nos.)
4. Replacement of existing old 100 watt LPTs (110 nos.) by 500 watt automode (1+1) LPTs
5. Modernization of 20 Studio centres by way of replacement of old aging equipment like Camera chains, production switchers, logo generators & colour monitors etc.

As regards All India Radio, the scheme for upgradation and modernization of 207 existing AIR Stations approved in 11th Plan have been taken up as per details given at Annexure-III.

At present there is no approved scheme to upgrade/modernize the Akashvani Kendra at Sagar in Madhya Pradesh.

One High Power Transmitter of Doordarshan at Sagar and one Low Power Transmitter (DD) at Khurai are functioning in Sagar district and hence there is no approved scheme to upgrade/replace these transmitters.

The transmission capacity of 12 existing transmitters of AIR is being upgraded as per details given in Annexure-IV.

(e) & (f) The Memorandum for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has been prepared which includes setting up of new transmitters for Doordarshan in the 12th Five Year Plan. On the recommendation of the EFC, approval of the scheme will be obtained.