

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF TRANSMITTERS AND DD AKASHVANI KENDRAS

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

- (a) whether high power transmitters to relay programmes of Vividh Bharati and National Broadcasting service have been installed in all areas of the country including in urban and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether any new Akashvani/ Doordarshan Kendras (DDK) have been set up during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT and DD/Akashvani-wise;
- (e) if not, whether delay has been caused in this regard or funds have not been released by the Government for setting up of the said Kendras; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that presently there are 1135 TV transmitters of varying power (including 132 high power transmitters) functioning in various parts of the country (including those in urban & rural areas) for relay of Doordarshan National channel service. Statewise locations of above 132 high power transmitters are given in Annexure-I.

At present, Vividh Bharati Service (VBS) of AIR is being relayed exclusively from AM / FM transmitters installed at 37 places in the country as per details given in Annexure-II.

This Service is also being relayed partially from 86 Local radio AM/FM stations setup in the country. The Vividh Bharati Service is also available through DD Direct plus DTH platform all over the country which can be received through a set top box. The National Channel Service of AIR is being broadcast from High Power AM transmitters installed at 3 places viz, Aligarh(SW), Delhi(SW) and Nagpur(MW).

(c) to (f) New AIR stations including 100 watt low power FM (Relay) stations have been made functional at 134 places in the country during the last three years. The state-wise details are given in Annexure-III. During last three years, one Doordarshan Kendra (Studio centre) at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh has been commissioned in December, 2011.