

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

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AIR DD CHANNELS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of regional entertainment/ news channels of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) operating in the country, State/UT-wise and AIR/DD channel-wise;
- (b) the details of regional channels presently in operation in the State of Assam;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request from the States including Assam for setting up of additional regional/news channels of AIR and Doordarshan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the said channels are likely to be operational?

**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, 119 regional radio stations of All India Radio (AIR) (including of 5 nos. in Assam), and 44 Regional News Units are functional at AIR stations in the country. The State-wise details are given at Annexure-I and AIR station-wise details are given at Annexure -II.

There is no exclusive news channel of AIR. At present, news bulletins/ news updates are being broadcast on all existing AM/ FM Channels and these are also being made available through AIR websites [www.allindiaradio.gov.in](http://www.allindiaradio.gov.in) and [www.newsonair.nic.in](http://www.newsonair.nic.in)

As regards, Doordarshan (DD), presently 33 satellite channels are operating in the country. The details are given at Annexure-III. In Assam, 24 hour satellite "DD North East" is uplinked from Programme Production Centre (PPC), Guwahati.

(c ) to (e) : AIR has not received any request from the States including Assam for setting up of additional regional/news channels.

Doordarshan has received requests from various States (including Assam) for starting additional regional/ News TV channels during the last three years. The details are as under:

1. Launch of satellite channels from DDKs, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Silchar & Tura.
2. Launch of 24 hr. Channel from Doordarshan Shimla
3. Independent satellite TV channel for Haryana
4. 24 hr. Satellite channel for Manipur
5. Launch of 24 hr. Channel from DDK Jaipur
6. Start of Sindhi channel
7. Start of satellite channel from DDK Sambalpur

There is no approved scheme, at present, to launch the above mentioned Satellite channels. However, in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Manipur and Rajasthan, State network transmissions of limited duration are in operation. Uplinking for these networks is done from DDK's, Shimla, Hissar, Imphal and Jaipur, respectively. In Odisha, a 24 hour Satellite channel "DD Oriya" is uplinked from DDK, Bhubaneswar.