

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DD AIR PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of high power, low power and very high power transmitters functioning in the country, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has approved the scheme for setting up of high power transmitters at new locations in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said transmitters are likely to be set up/made functional;
- (d) the details of targets set and achievements made by the Government/ Prasar Bharati (PB) with regard to various projects of Doordarshan (DD), All India Radio (AIR) and other networks during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has reviewed the financial targets and the physical/actual achievements made by the PB on the said projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for slow pace of progress during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that at present 546 AM/FM transmitters of various capacities are functional from 376 AIR Stations in the country. State-wise details are given in Annexure-I. As regards Doordarshan, at present, 1415 Transmitters [HPTs-215, LPTs-811, VLPTs-389] are functioning in the country. State-wise, location-wise details are given at Annexure-II.

(b) & (c) Yes Sir. 22 High Power Transmitters approved under 11th Plan schemes are being set up in the country which are likely to be made functional in the year 2013-14 to 2014-15 subject to availability of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) staff envisaged under these schemes. The details are given in Annexure-III. As regards Doordarshan, a scheme for strengthening of Radio & TV coverage in J&K, involving an outlay of Rs 100 crore was approved during 11th Plan. This scheme, inter-alia, includes projects of establishment of five High Power TV transmitters at Natha Top, Green Ridge, Himbotingla & Rajouri (DD1 & DD News). Sites for the these transmitters have been finalized.

As per present indications, the above transmitters are expected to be installed, in phases, by 2014.

(d) to (f) The details of targets set and achievements made by Prasar Bharati (PB) with regard to various projects of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan during each of the last three years and the current year, are given in Annexure-IV & Annexure-V respectively.

Review of physical and financial progress is a continuous process which is being carried out from time to time. The main causes of shortfall are related to delay in offering of suitable sites by concerned State Government, delay in completion of Building/towers works at few places due to local problems, delay in order & supply of equipment, procedural delay in approval of schemes and acquisition of sites etc.