

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to match the anti-India propaganda carried through air waves from neighbouring countries with a glut of its own transmitters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to invest about Rs.300 crore in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Strengthening of the terrestrial coverage of All India Radio and Doordarshan to counter the anti-India propaganda along border areas is an ongoing process.

Doordarshan and All India Radio have been assigning priority to expansion of their coverage in Border areas of the country in various expansion plans formulated from time to time. Special packages for expansion and improvement of Doordarshan and AIR services in North Eastern states and Jammu & Kashmir have also been implemented. At present, 273 TV transmitters of varying power are functioning in the border districts.

All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters (including border areas), along with the rest of the country have been provided with multichannel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free- to- air DTH service " DD Direct Plus" signals of which can be received anywhere in the country with the help of small sized dish receiver system.

(c) and (d): Strengthening of coverage of Doordarshan and All India Radio in the country including border areas is a dynamic and continuing exercise. A sum of Rs.174 cr. is envisaged under the 12th Plan period.