

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

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TELECAST BROADCAST OF PROGRAMMES OF RADIO AND DD

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

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that the people living in Dharampur area and surrounding places of Mandi district in Himachal Pradesh have not been able to listen to and watch the programmes of radio and Doordarshan properly;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has received requests from the local public representatives and the Member of Parliament regarding setting up of repeater tower of Doordarshan Shimla FM and relay centre of DD-I of Doordarshan in Kamlagarh fort in Dharmapur;

(d) if so, the reasons for pendency of action of the said requests and the action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon;and

(e) the time by which the said works are likely to be executed?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that Dharampur area in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh and its adjacent areas are already getting the programmes broadcast through 100 kW MW transmitter installed at All India Radio, Shimla and 6 kW FM transmitter installed at All India Radio, Hamirpur. This region is also covered by Short Wave transmitter (i.e. secondary grade service) installed at Shimla.

Apart from this, 21 radio channels (Programmes) of AIR are made available through DD Direct plus DTH platform (Ku-band) and these programmes can be received through a set top box all over the country including this area.

In regard to Doordarshan, three Low Power Transmitters (LPT) and eight Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPT) are functioning in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. Dharampur lies in the coverage zone of VLPT functioning at Jogindernagar. However, Dharampur is not fully covered due to hilly terrain. All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters along with rest of country have been provided with multichannel TV coverage Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct + ", signals of which can be received anywhere in the country (including Dharampur) with the help of small sized dish receive unit.

(c) to (e) All India Radio had received a request (letter dated 24.11.2011) from the Member of Parliament regarding installation of FM transmitter at Hills of Sarkaghat in Mandi District.

At present, there is no approved scheme for setting up of a FM transmitter at Hills of Sarkaghat in Mandi District.