

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3053
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2009
PROPOSAL FOR DD/ AKASHWANI KENDRAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new Doordarshan/Akashwani Kendras opened in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received requests from the State Governments for setting up of new Akashwani and Doordarshan Centres in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) The number of new Doordarshan Centres commissioned in the country during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise, is given at Annexure-I.

Following new Akashwani Kendras are opened in the country during each of the last three years and the current year :

Year Places where new Stations of AIR opened

2006-07 i. 1 kW MW (Relay) Station at Drass (J&K) .
 ii. 1 kW MW (Relay) Station at Tiesuru (J&K)
2007-08 i. 100 watt FM (Relay) Station at Auranagabad (Bihar),
 ii. 10 kW FM Station with studios at Dharmapuri (Tamil Nadu),
 iii. 1 kW MW Station with studios at Soro (Orissa),
 iv. 3 kW FM Station with studios at Machrela (Andhra Pradesh)
 v. 1 kW MW (Relay) Station at Nyoma (J&K)
 vi. 1 kW MW (Relay) Station at Diskit (J&K)
2008-09 1 kW MW (Relay) Station at Padum (J&K) .
2009-10 5 kW FM Station with studios at Oras (Sindhurnagari) in Maharastra.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Requests for setting up of new Doordarshan Centres received from the State Governments during the last three years & current year are given at Annexure-II. Multi channel TV coverage has been provided in the country through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct Plus". New transmitters for expansion of coverage are, now, not envisaged. Also, no new Studio center is envisaged, as part of new 11th plan schemes.

AIR has also received requests from the State Government for setting up of new Akashwani centres in the country. Details of such requests during the last 3 years and the current year and action taken are given in Annexure-III.