

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

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

- (a) whether there is slow progress with respect to installation of High Power Transmitters/Low Power Transmitters/ Very Low Power Transmitters in the country, since the inception of Prasar Bharati;
- (b) if so, the reaction/response of Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to relay/telecast DD/AIR programmes all over the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) As informed by Prasar Bharati, the broadcast terrestrial coverage of All India Radio (AIR) provided through 578 AM/FM radio transmitters is 92.00% of the area and 99.20% population of the country. Only 0.80% of the population of the country is not getting programmes of AIR through terrestrial Radio network. However, 21 radio channels (Programmes) of AIR are available through DD Direct plus DTH platform (Ku-band) and these can be received through a set top box all over the country including uncovered areas.

As regards Doordarshan, since the inception of Prasar Bharati in November 1997, 493 additional TV transmitters (123 High Power Transmitters, 172 Low Power Transmitters and 198 Very Low Power Transmitters) have been commissioned by Doordarshan. All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters, along with rest of the country, have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD FREE DISH".