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DOORDARSHAN AND AKASHVANI KENDRAS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the districts in the country which lack Doordarshan and Akashvani kendras particularly in rural areas especially in Uttar Pradesh, State-wise ;
- (b) the names of the States from which representations have been received for setting up of Doordarshan/Akashvani kendras during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which all the districts in the country are likely to be linked with Doordarshan/Akashvani network?

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 67 Doordarshan Kendras (Studio Centres) including seven in Uttar Pradesh, are functioning in the country. The District-wise list of Doordarshan Kendras is given in Annexure-I. The list of Districts having All India Radio Stations / Kendras is given in Annexure-II.

(b) & (c) The details of representations received from the States for setting up of Akashvani Kendras during the last three years and the current year alongwith present status are given in Annexure-III. Regarding Doordarshan, during the last three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13) and the current year only one proposal has been received from State Government for establishment of Doordarshan Kendra in Saraipalli and other places of Chhattisgarh. At present there is no approved scheme to set up any new Doordarshan Kendra (Studio Centre) in the country.

(d) Presently, the broadcast terrestrial coverage of AIR provided through 578 AM/ FM radio transmitters is 92.00% of the area and 99.20% population of the country. However, 21 radio channels (Programmes) of AIR have been made available on Doordarshan's DTH platform in Ku-band (DD FREE DISH) and these can be received through a set top box all over the country including uncovered areas. Entire country is also covered by SW signal of AIR.

Regarding Doordarshan, programmes produced at 67 Doordarshan Kendras are terrestrially transmitted through 1416 transmitters of varying power and are estimated to be available to about 92% population of the country spread over 81% area of the country. All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters alongwith rest of the country have been provided with multi-channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Free Dish".