

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW IN FUNCTIONING OF AKASHVANI KENDRAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of Akashvani Kendras in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken for improving their functioning; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided to Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras and the amount utilised during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio(AIR) continuously monitors the functioning of its Akashvani Kendras set up in various parts of the country on regular basis as well as the quality of programmes broadcast by its major stations through various means.

All India Radio continuously takes steps for improving the functioning of Akashvani Kendras subject to the availability of funds and resources.

(c): The statement indicating financial assistance provided to All India Radio and Doordarshan and the amount utilized during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.