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EXPANSION OF AIR DD NETWORK

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the All India Radio (AIR)/Doordarshan (DD) network by establishing more number of stations particularly to unreachable areas during the 12th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the financial outlay therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the details of projects likely to be completed during the current year, State/UT- wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for the effective implementation of the projects and to achieve the target, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The proposal of Prasar Bharati (PB) for expansion of All India Radio and Doordarshan network in the 12th Five Year Plan is under finalization in accordance with prescribed procedures.

(c): Prasar Bharati has informed that new transmitters at Rajouri are expected to be installed during the current year.

(d): Prasar Bharati has informed that several steps have been taken for the effective implementation of the projects which includes:
Constitution of High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of CEO, PB for Project monitoring and implementation. # Constitution of an Empowered committee of finance to resolve all issues related to finance. # Constitution of a project monitoring committee under the chairmanship of DG, AIR to strengthen the monitoring mechanism for AIR projects. # Delegation of enhanced financial powers to PB upto Rs.300 crore by the Ministry.