

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

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

- (a) the number of T.V. relay centres set up/proposed to be set up in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan along with their transmission capacity;
- (b) the funds allocated for TV relay centres during the last three years, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether any representations have been received by the Government for starting the closed relay centres and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for non-commissioning of such relay centres; and
- (d) the time by which these relay centres are likely to be fully equipped and commissioned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING {COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that there are 1416 TV transmitters of varying power in the country, including 99 transmitters located in Rajasthan. State-wise number of above mentioned TV Relay centres and transmitter power is given at the Annexure.

The following projects of setting up of Five new High Power Transmitters (HPTs) in J&K have been approved as part of continuing scheme of 12th Plan:-

1. HPTs (DD1 & DD News), Rajouri.
2. HPT, Natha Top (Patni Top)
3. HPT, Himbotingla Top
4. HPT, Green Ridge

(b) The total allocation of funds for TV relay centre during last three years of Doordarshan are as under:-

Year (Rs. In Crore)
2012-13 Rs. 498.33 cr.
2013-14 Rs. 512.96 cr.
2014-15 Rs. 572.68 cr.

(c) & (d) Requests for setting up of new transmitters/ upgradation of transmitters are received from various State Governments/ public representatives from time to time. However, no representation has been received for starting the closed relay centre during the last three years. TV transmitters are generally closed when the area covered by the existing transmitter is covered by any other transmitter commissioned in the area or nearby location. So the terrestrial coverage is available in the area and viewers are not affected by the closure of the transmitter.