GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7093 ANSWERED ON:08.05.2015 AIR STATION IN TELANGANA Gutha Shri Sukender Reddy

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

- (a) whether there is delay in establishment of All India Radio (AIR) Station at Suryapet in Nalgonda District of Telangana, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:
- (b) whether any representation has been received by the Union Government from the Government of Telangana for early completion of AIR Station of Nalgonda;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Union Government to expedite the completion of AIR Station at Nalgonda?

Answer

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

- (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that a scheme for establishment of AIR Station at Suryapet in Nal- gonda District of Telangana was approved in 2007. The main reason for delay in scheme was due to delay in allocation of a suitable site for the Project.
- (b) & (c) A representation from Shri G. Jagadish Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Telangana has been received for early comple- tion of AIR Station at Suryapet.
- (d) The measures taken by the Government to expe- dite the completion of AIR Station at Suryapet are as under:
- 1. Site has been acquired for which compound wall has been constructed.
- 2. Estimate has been sanctioned for the construction of transmitter building and tenders have been called for awarding the civil work.
- 3. 10 kW FM transmitter has been procured for Suryapet.
- 4. For erection of 100 Meter tower, specifications have been framed and Expressions of Interest (EOI) has been issued.

As an interim measure, 1 kW FM transmitter was ins- talled and commissioned on 07.12.2011 by sharing BSNL infrastructure which is presently relaying Telugu programme.