

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

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

- (a) the total number of Doordarshan and Radio stations in various States including Bihar along with the details thereof, place-wise;
- (b) the details of upgradation and modernization works undertaken in these Doordarshan and Radio stations during each of the last three years, place-wise; and
- (c) the details of regions in various States including Bihar, where Doordarshan/ Radio broadcast is not available, region-wise?

Answer

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

(a) &(b): PrasarBharati has informed that presently All India Radio (AIR) Broadcasting Stations are functional at 414 locations throughout the country including the State of Bihar.State-wise and Place-wise details alongwith up-gradation and modernization works of AIR undertaken are given in Annexure-I. As regards Doordarshan, there are 67 DoordarshanKendras (Studio centres) including 2 Studio centres located at Patna & Muzaffarpur in Bihar, in the country. State wise location of Doordarshan stations in the country is given at Annexure-II. Modernization of Doordarshan stations (induction of new technologies, replacement of old aging equipment and augmentation/ upgradation of facilities) is a continuous process and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time. The details of major upgradation/ modernization works carried out at various Doordarshan stations during the last three years are given at Annexure III.

(c):PrasarBharati has also informed that Doordarshan signals are available in the entire country through its free-to-air DTH service. In terrestrial mode, Doordarshan's coverage is estimated to be available to about 92% population of the country including 95.5% population of Bihar. All the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission (including those in Bihar) alongwith rest of the country, have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service, "DD Free Dish". DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country (including Bihar) with the help of small sized dish receive units. As regards AIR, the details of regions in various states not covered by AIR are given in Annexure-IV.However, 21 radio channels of AIR available on Doordarshan's DTH platform in Ku-band (DD FREE DISH) can be received throughout the country including uncovered areas.