

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

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AIR AND TV TRANSMITTERS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to establish more AIR and TV transmitters in the country including rural areas; and if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof and State-wise details of action taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from various State Governments including Rajasthan for upgradation of very low power transmitters/low power transmitters (VLPT/LPT) into high power transmitters (HPT) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes Madam. Prasar Bharati has informed that as far as AIR is concerned, 231 Nos. of more transmitters (115 Continuing Scheme + 116 New Scheme) under 12th Plan are being established in the country including rural areas. State-wise details are given in Annexure -I

(A) &(B). As regards DD, in view of multi channel TV coverage having been provided in the entire country, including rural areas, through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "Free Dish", new transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now not envisaged, except a few in border areas.

As part of continuing schemes from 11th Plan, following transmitter projects are under implementation:

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

To keep pace with the advancement in Broadcasting Industry in the World, 40 digital HPTs under 11th Plan and 23 digital HPTs under 12th Plan have been approved as part of digitalization schemes. Out of 40 digital HPTs, 19 nos are presently under implementation. List of State-wise locations is given in Annexure-II.

(b) Reception surveys and subjective listening surveys for every AIR transmitters are being carried out from time to time to ascertain technical quality and coverage areas of programme being received. The survey has found that present Day Time (MW+FM) AIR coverage is about 92.00 % by area and 99.20 % by population and only FM AIR coverage is about to 32.00 % by area and 44.5 % by population. State-wise details are given in Annexure- III

(c) & (d): State-wise details of proposals for upgradation of AIR transmitters received from State Governments during last three years and current year including action taken thereon are given in Annexure-IV. As regards Doordarshan during the last three years and current year a proposal from the Government of Jharkhand has been received for upgradation of LPT at Dumka to HPT. No such proposal has been received from the Government of Rajasthan.