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Title : Need to expedite the setting up of Doordarshan Kendra at Aurangabad in Bihar.

SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR (AURANGABAD, BIHAR): Undivided Bihar had three Doordarshan Kendras at Muzaffarpur in North Bihar, Patna in Central Bihar and at Ranchi in South Bihar. After its bifurcation and Ranchi going away to the newly created State of Jharkhand, Bihar was left with just two DD Kendras. These would have been okay had a need not been felt even during days of undivided Bihar for another DD Kendra. The CEO, Prasar Bharati was requested during his visit to Aurangabad, my constituency in Bihar, last year to set up the third Doordarshan Kendra at Aurangabad. He had assured us that he will examine the suggestion. We have since learnt that a detailed technical and audience survey by the Prasar Bharati has supported the need for a third DD Kendra in Bihar and that Aurangabad was eminently suited for it. A Prasar Bharati official had, in fact, visited Aurangabad and, after scouting for a suitable location for the Kendra, selected a site. The District Magistrate, Aurangabad had recommended to the Bihar Government that it be allotted to the Prasar Bharati for the Kendra. This was many months ago. By now the entire process should have been over but it is still to be referred to the Planning Commission for its mandatory clearance.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is requested to please refer this proposal immediately to the Commission so that it is cleared without further delay and the follow up action to set up the Kendra can be taken.