

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4557
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018)**

UPGRADATION OF FACILITIES AND TRANSMITTER SYSTEM

4557. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal for upgradation of facilities and transmitter system including development of infrastructure in All India Radio (AIR) stations of Dibrugarh and Guwahati;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps or approved the proposals as received for betterment of services of AIR in North-Eastern Region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING**

{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Prasar Bharati has informed that modernization & upgradation of infrastructure including transmitters & facilities of AIR is a continuous process. As far as AIR Dibrugarh is concerned, a 300 kW MW transmitter has been replaced by new state of the art technology MW digital transmitter (DRM) and 1 kW FM transmitter has also been installed at AIR Dibrugarh. At AIR Guwahati, a 20 kW MW transmitter has been replaced by new state of the art technology MW digital transmitter (DRM).

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. As informed by Prasar Bharati, among others the following schemes have also been approved for betterment of AIR services in North-Eastern Region:

1. Replacement/ upgradation of FM transmitters.
2. Setting up of new FM transmitters.
3. Digitization of studio at AIR Belonia, Churachandpur, Diphu, Haflong, Kailashahar, Lungleh and Tezu.
4. Setting up of uplink facility at AIR Silchar.
5. Setting up of Regional News Unit at Passighat.

There are 33 full fledged and 86 relay stations as a part of AIR's setup in North East Region.
