

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 851  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019)**

**EXPANSION OF AIR/DD NETWORK**

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**Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the All India Radio (AIR)/ Doordarshan (DD) network by establishing more number of stations particularly to unreachable areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the financial outlay thereto, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of projects likely to be completed during the current year, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) whether many districts in the country lack Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras particularly in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received representation from States for setting up of Doordarshan/Akashvani Kendras during the last five years and the current year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY  
OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

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(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that presently All India Radio (AIR) is covering about 92% of the area and about 99.2% of the total population of the country through terrestrial transmitters. Expansion of AIR Network is a continuous process and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time. For expansion of FM network, AIR has

approved schemes for establishing 144 new FM Stations across the country. State-wise detail is given in **Annexure-I & II**.

As regards Doordarshan (DD), in view of multi channel TV coverage having been provided in the entire country through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service, transmitters at new locations for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now not envisaged, except a few in border areas.

Following new transmitters have been approved for J&K:

1. HPT, Patnitop
2. HPT, Himbotingla
3. HPT, Green Ridge

Above transmitters are part of special scheme for expansion of AIR & Doordarshan coverage in border areas of J&K approved at a cost of Rs.100 Crore.

(c) Details of projects of AIR & DD are given in **Annexure-III & Annexure-IV** respectively.

(d) As regards AIR, some of the areas including hilly areas of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh & North East Regions are still uncovered by terrestrial services.

As regards DD, all districts uncovered by terrestrial transmitters (including rural areas) along with rest of the country have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Free Dish", which can be received using a small sized dish receive unit.

(e) & (f) Proposals from various State Governments/various other quarters are received from time to time for setting up of new Akashvani Kendras/DD Kendras in their respective states. These proposals are considered on the basis of inter-se priority subject to availability of funds.

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**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA  
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**ANNEXURE-I**

**List of new AIR FM Stations 1 kW & above**

Sr. Nos.	STATE	No. of Stations
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	2
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4
3.	BIHAR	4
4.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	3
5.	MADHYA PRADESH	1
6.	MANIPUR	1
7.	MIZORAM	3
8.	NAGALAND	1
9.	RAJASTHAN	1
10.	TRIPURA	1
11.	UTTAR PRADESH	6
12.	UTTARAKHAND	3
13.	WEST BENGAL	2

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**ANNEXURE-II**

**100 W FM Stations**

Sr. Nos.	STATE	No. of Stations
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	5
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	5
3.	ASSAM	1
4.	BIHAR	9
5.	CHHATTISGARH	1
6.	DAMAN & DIU (UT)	1
7.	GUJARAT	13
8.	HARYANA	2
9.	JHARKHAND	1
10.	KARNATAKA	7
11.	KERALA	2
12.	MADHYA PRADESH	13
13.	MAHARASHTRA	12
14.	MANIPUR	2
15.	MIZORAM	2
16.	ODISHA	5
17.	PUNJAB	1
18.	RAJASTHAN	14
19.	TAMIL NADU	1
20.	TELANGANA	5
21.	TRIPURA	2
22.	UT (A&N ISLANDS)	1
23.	UTTAR PRADESH	5
24.	UTTARAKHAND	1
25.	WEST BENGAL	1

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**ANNEXURE-III**

**Approved List of new AIR stations for current year**

Sr. Nos.	PLACE	STATE	POWER OF FM TRANSMITTER	REMARK
1.	SSB CENTRE, BATHNAHA	BIHAR	10 KW	
2.	MUZAFFARPUR	BIHAR	10 kW	100 W FM Transmitter is already functional for localized coverage (10-12 kms radius area)
3.	SSB CENTRE, NARKATIAGANJ	BIHAR	10 KW	
4.	SSB CENTRE, SITAMARHI	BIHAR	10 KW	100 W FM Transmitter is already functional for localized coverage (10-12 kms radius area)
5.	GREEN RIDGE	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 KW	
6.	HIMBOTINGLA	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 KW	
7.	RATLAM	MADHYA PRADESH	10 KW	100 W FM Transmitter is already functional for localized coverage (10-12 kms radius area)
8.	TAMENGLANG	MANIPUR	1 KW	
9.	ZUNHEBOTO	NAGALAND	1 KW	
10.	BUNDI (TV SITE)	RAJASTHAN	10 KW	
11.	ETAWAH	UTTAR PRADESH	10 KW	
12.	SSB CENTRE, GADANIYA (PALIA)	UTTAR PRADESH	10 KW	
13.	SSB CENTRE, MAHARAJGANJ	UTTAR PRADESH	10 kW	
14.	SSB CENTRE, NANPARA	UTTAR PRADESH	10 KW	
15.	SULTANPUR	UTTAR PRADESH	10 KW	
16.	ALMORA	UTTARAKHAND	1 & 5 KW	
17.	HALDWANI	UTTARAKHAND	10 kW	100 W FM

Sr. Nos.	PLACE	STATE	POWER OF FM TRANSMITTER	REMARK
				Transmitter is already functional for localized coverage (10-12 kms radius area)
18.	SSB CENTRE , CHAMPAWAT	UTTARAKHAND	1 KW	
19.	BARDHWAN	WEST BENGAL	10 KW	
20.	KRISHNANAGAR	WEST BENGAL	10 kW	100 W FM Transmitter is already functional for localized coverage (10-12 kms radius area) .

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**ANNEXURE-IV**

**Major Doordarshan projects for the current financial year 2018-19**

State/ UT	Location	Projects
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement of LTO based Archiving system for ArunPrabha Channel</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> </ul>
Assam	Dibrugarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of old ageing HPT by new 10 kW HPT *</li> </ul>
	Guwahati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• SITC of Single Channel Integrated Automated Payout facility</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Bihar	Patna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernization of Earth station *</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
	Raipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Delhi	Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated News production facility at News Headquarter *</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Setting up of new Earth station at CPC, Delhi</li> <li>• Modernization of Earth station at DDK, Delhi</li> </ul>
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SITC of Single Channel Integrated Automated Payout facility</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> </ul>
Jharkhand	Ranchi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Jammu & Kashmir	J&K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement of 30,000 DTH receive units for J&amp;K areas</li> <li>• Supply of 10 kW Digital ready Analog TV Transmitters to be installed in Border areas</li> </ul>
	Srinagar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up of new digital HPT (DTT) *</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• SITC of Single Channel Integrated Automated</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playout facility</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> <li>• Modernization of Earth station</li> </ul>
Karnataka	Bengaluru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> <li>• Modernization of Earth station *</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> </ul>
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> </ul>
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Maharashtra	Pune	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
	Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernization of Earth station *</li> </ul>
	Mumbai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Manipur	Imphal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
Nagaland	Kohima	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
Odisha	Bhubaneswar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• SITC of Single Channel Integrated Automated Playout facility</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> </ul>
Punjab	Jalandhar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> <li>• SITC of Single Channel Integrated Automated Playout facility</li> </ul>
Rajasthan	Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
Sikkim	Gangtok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> </ul>
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> </ul>
Telangana	Hyderabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SITC of Single Channel Integrated Automated Playout facility</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> <li>• Modernization of Earth station *</li> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> </ul>
Tripura	Agartala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
Uttar Pradesh	Gorakhpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up of new Earth station</li> </ul>



	Lucknow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel *</li> </ul>
	Allahabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DSNG Van *</li> </ul>
Uttarakhand	Dehradun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernization of Earth station</li> </ul>
West Bengal	Kolkata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of HD NLE *</li> <li>• Augmentation of technical facility for Kisan Channel</li> </ul>

**\* These projects have since been completed during current financial year 2018-19**

