

(c) State-wise Action Plans/Surveys for raising the export potential of 19 States have been completed by the Trade Development Authority/Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

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Akashvani/Doordarshan Kendras in Western Maharashtra

10522. SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of Akashvani/Doordarshan Kendras in Western Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of villages in this region are not covered by Doordarshan properly;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The district-wise number of Radio Stations and T.V. transmitting stations in the State of Maharashtra including the Western region, is given in the Statement below.

(b) to (d). About half the number of villages of Maharashtra fall within the coverage area of the existing TV transmitters in

the State. The actual reception conditions, however, depend upon the intervening distance and topography. The number of villages covered by TV service is expected to increase substantially with the commissioning of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Ambajogai and augmentation of power of the existing 1 KW TV transmitter at Aurangabad during the current year. Any further expansion/improvement of T.V. service in the uncovered areas of Maharashtra would depend upon availability of resources for future plans of TV expansion.

STATEMENT

Radio Stations

The following districts of Maharashtra have been provided with one Radio Station each:

1. Aurangabad
2. Bombay
3. Jalgaon
4. Nagpur
5. Parbhani
6. Pune
7. Patnagiri
8. Sangli
9. Sholapur

T.V. Stations

<i>Number of TV transmitting stations</i>		
1	2	3
1. Greater Bombay		1 (2 Channels)

<i>Number of TV transmitting stations</i>		
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
2.	Ratnagiri	1
3.	Nasik	3
4.	Dhule	3
5.	Jalgaon	4
6.	Ahmednagar	1
7.	Pune	1
8.	Satara	2
9.	Sangli	1
10.	Sholapur	3
11.	Kolhapur	2
12.	Aurangabad	2
13.	Parabhani	2
14.	Bid	1
15.	Nanded	3
16.	Osmanabad	2
17.	Buldana	1
18.	Akola	1
19.	Amravati	2
20.	Yavatmal	2
21.	Wardha	1
22.	Nagpur	1
23.	Bhandara	1
24.	Chandrapur	2

The districts of Raigarh and Thane are covered by the High Power Transmitter at Bombay.

Publication of Daily/Weekly Newspapers from Maharashtra

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(a) the number of registered daily/weekly

newspapers being published from Maharashtra district-wise; and

(b) the quantity of newsprint allotted to each of them during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). A statement is given below.