

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 224
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018)**

INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TRANSMITTER

***224. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT**

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

- (a) whether Doordarshan is the channel through which the citizens of the country get the information on policies and programmes of the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the transmission centre at Kankavali in Sindhudrug district of Maharashtra is not being able to provide Doordarshan service to the entire area of the district with full capacity as the present UHV mode terrestrial transmitter is 24 years old which goes out of order frequently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received requests/representations from the inhabitants and Members of Parliament (MPs) for installation of digital terrestrial transmitter at Kankavali, increasing the capacity of the transmission centre from the existing 500 watts to 9 KW and enhancing the height of the transmitter tower to 300 meters from existing 100 meters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

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

{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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(a):- Doordarshan as a Public Service Broadcaster regularly telecasts programmes through its network highlighting various schemes and initiatives of the Government for dissemination of information including programmes on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachhatha Abhiyan, Digital India, Pradhan Mantri Ujwala Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Agriculture & Rural Development Programs etc. from time to time.

(b) to (c) :- Prasar Bharati has informed that Sindhudurg district in Maharashtra is fully covered by Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Free Dish" which provides all 23 channels of Doordarshan apart from other private channels to people free of cost. In addition, most parts of the district are getting coverage in terrestrial mode by the TV transmitter functioning at Kankavali in the district and coverage from high power transmitters functioning at Panaji in Goa.

Transmitter at Kankavali has been replaced by 500 Watt (UHF) transmitter in February, 2015 and is working satisfactorily.

(d) to (e) :- A letter dated 06.02.2018 has been received by Prasar Bharati from Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Vinayak Raut, (LS) with the following requests

1. Installation of Digital Terrestrial Transmitter at Kanakavali
2. Increasing the capacity of the transmission centre from existing 500 watts to 9KW
3. Increase the height of transmitter tower to 300 meter from existing 100 meter

In this regard, Prasar Bharati has informed that as part of 11th and 12th Plan Schemes for digitalization of transmitters, Government of India has approved setting up of Digital Terrestrial TV Transmitters (DTTs) at 63 locations. Complete digitalization of terrestrial network is dependent upon sanction of the scheme & availability of funds in future plan. There is no approved scheme to set up digital transmitter or to increase the power of Transmitter or height of TV Tower at Kankavali, District Sindhudurg (Maharashtra). Doordarshan is operating its free to air DTH service "DD free Dish". This is free to air platform and the viewers do not have to pay monthly subscription fee as in the case of Cable TV and Pay DTH. DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country including Kankavali in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra with the help of a small sized dish receive units. A 24X7 "DD Sahyadri" channel is available at DTH platform.

