

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *62
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019)**

DOORDARSHAN AND AKASHVANI PROGRAMMES

***62. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:**

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

- (a) whether transmission of Doordarshan and Akashvani programmes is not clear in the rural and border areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to increase the number of transmitters, particularly in the said areas under the ongoing scheme, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE(Retd.)}

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) broadcast service is provided from 672 transmitters (MW-138, SW-48 & FM-486) installed at 473 locations across the country in terrestrial mode. The installed coverage capacity of AIR broadcast (AM and FM) is about 92% of the area and 99.2% of the total population of the country including that of rural and border areas. Some of the border areas in higher altitude of the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh are still uncovered.

To augment coverage, 39 channels of AIR are available on Doordarshan's DTH platform (DD Free Dish) which can be accessed across the country. Additionally, 17 popular channels of All India Radio can be accessed on AIR's website <allindiaradio.gov.in> and through iOS/Android based mobile apps across the country & the world.

As regards Doordarshan (DD), all the areas of the country (including those located in rural and border areas), have been provided with multi-channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service. Good quality DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country with the help of small sized dish receive units.

(c) AIR has approved scheme of setting up of FM transmitters of various powers in different states mostly in rural and border areas, which include 100 W FM transmitters for localized coverage. Details are given in **Annexure**.

For strengthening of Doordarshan terrestrial TV coverage in border areas, projects to set up three new High Power TV transmitters at following locations in J&K are approved:

1. HPT, Green Ridge
2. HPT, Himbotingla
3. HPT, Natha Top (Patnitop)

In view of multi-channel coverage having been provided to all the areas (including rural and border areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission) through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service, new transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now not envisaged.

**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA
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ANNEXURE

Approved list of FM Transmitters

A. 1 kW & above FM Transmitters

Sr. Nos.	STATE	POWER OF FM TRANSMITTER	NO. OF APPROVED TRANSMITTERS
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	10 KW	1
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1 KW	4
3.	BIHAR	10 KW	3
4.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1 KW	1
5.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 KW	2
6.	KERALA	5 KW	1
7.	MADHYA PRADESH	5 KW	1
8.	MANIPUR	1 KW	1
9.	MIZORAM	1 KW	3
10.	NAGALAND	1 KW	1
11.	ODISHA	1 KW	2
12.	RAJASTHAN	10 KW	1
13.	TRIPURA	1 KW	1
14.	UTTAR PRADESH	10 KW	6
15.	UTTARAKHAND	1 KW	2
16.	UTTARAKHAND	5 KW	1
17.	WEST BENGAL	10 KW	1

B. 100 W FM Transmitters

Sr. Nos.	STATE	NO. OF APPROVED TRANSMITTERS
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	5
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	5
3.	ASSAM	1
4.	BIHAR	10
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