

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO07.03.2011**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SETTING UP OF HPT AIR STATION AT SURAT .**

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Shri Natuji Halaji Thakor

Will the Minister of COALINFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether any proposals are under consideration with the Ministry for setting up new HPT All India Radio (AIR) stations in the country during the current financial year and current five year plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any proposal for setting up HPT Air station at Surat with relay transmission of Vividh Bharati and National Broadcasting programmes; and
- (d) if so, by when the said HPT AIR station would be set-up there?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) & (d) No, Sir. However, the existing 6 kW FM transmitter at AIR Surat is being replaced by 10 kW FM Transmitter, which would be ready within a year.