

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3910
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018)**

TV STATION IN KARNATAKA

3910. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL:

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

- (a) the name of the first television station in Karnataka and improvement made to keep it up-to-date;
- (b) whether there are any plans to close this station; and
- (c) the actual sanctioned strength and actual number of employees working there?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING
{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}**

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that High Power Transmitter (HPT) at Gulbarga started as the first TV station in Karnataka with a 1 KW power and was commissioned on 3rd September, 1977. The HPT was replaced by new 10 KW HPT in June, 1998. In September, 2002, another HPT of 10 KW power was commissioned for DD#2 (presently DD News) service. In order to facilitate local programme production, Studio facility was set-up at Gulbarga in October, 1994. As part of "Digitalization of Studios" under approved 11th Plan Schemes, TV Studio centre at DDK Gulbarga has been made fully digital in 2017.

(b) There is no plan to close HPTs/ Studio centre of Doordarshan at Gulbarga.

(c) Staff strength in respect of DD Kendra at Gulbarga is as under:-

DD Kendra	Sanctioned	Filled
Gulbarga	91	37
