GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1844 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023)

DIGITALISATION OF ALL INDIA RADIO AND DOORDARSHAN

1844. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government is planning to make All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) fully digital in its day-to-day working of Engineering, Programme and Administrative Sections at its different stations in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Prasar Bharati is providing infrastructure for this digital technology at the different AIR and DD stations;
- (c) if so, the funds provided for different stations for infrastructure upgradation and training; and
- (d) whether any survey was carried out among different stations of AIR and DD, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) The modernization and strengthening of infrastructure and network of Prasar Bharati in respect of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) at different stations across the country is a continuous process under the "Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development" (BIND) Scheme. This scheme has been further continued for the period 2021-26 with an outlay of Rs. 2539.61 crores for various components including digitization of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD). These plans are formulated and implemented from time to time depending upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities.
