

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 871
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023)**

BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

**871. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH:
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:
SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:**

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

- (a) whether any projects have been initiated under the Broadcasting Infrastructure Network Development (BIND) scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of total funds sanctioned, allocated and spent for such projects under the BIND scheme; and
- (c) whether any sanctioned funds that were allotted under the BIND scheme, have lapsed, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) The "Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development" (BIND) is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and it is the only vehicle for providing Governmental support to Prasar Bharati for expenses related to expansion and upgradation of its broadcasting infrastructure, content development and civil works related to the organization. The major components of the scheme include augmentation and replacement of transmitters and broadcast equipment, digitalization of studios, coverage in sensitive areas, broadcasting on alternate platform, expansion of DTH and High Definition TV channels, etc.

The details of funds allocated and expenditure under the BIND Scheme for previous 3 years are given as under :

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Financial Year	Funds allocated	Funds spent
2019-20	235.40	289.02*
2020-21	183.03	201.65*
2021-22	175.00	161.60
Total	593.43	652.27

* Including unspent balance of previous year.