

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1377
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024)**

CLOSURE OF DD STATIONS/ TRANSMITTERS

1377. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that PrasarBharati has closed a large number of Doordarshan Stations/ Transmitters in the country;
- (b) if so, the list of Doordarshan Stations/ Transmitters closed during last five years;
- (c) the details of various posts, sanctioned against these closed DD stations/ transmitters, closed DD station/transmitter-wise; and
- (d) out of the above, the number of posts that have been transferred to other DD stations in compliance of DoE's OM dated 25.10.1977, 12.04.2017 and 05.01.2024, till date?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

(DR. L. MURUGAN)

(a) to (d): Prasar Bharati has been continuously upgrading its public broadcasting services with changes in technology. Doordarshan (DD) Free Dish, a free-to-air Direct to Home (DTH) Service, carrying about 380 TV channels, is available across the country. Further, Akashvani and DD channels are live streamed through “NewsOnAir” app available for Android and iOS platforms for mobile users across the globe. Moreover, Prasar Bharati has launched an Over The Top (OTT) platform ‘WAVES’ to cater to the growing demand for digital streaming services with an aim to revive nostalgia while embracing modern digital trends by offering a rich mix of classic content and contemporary programming.

All Analog Terrestrial Transmitters (ATTs), being redundant, have been closed by Prasar Bharati, except 59 ATTs at strategic locations.

No posts sanctioned at these locations have been transferred. However the additional staff available on closure of Doordarshan ATTs, have been posted at the vacant positions in other Prasar Bharati establishments, as per requirement for effective broadcasting.
