GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *243
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018)

TRANSMISSION TOWERS OF AIR

*243. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transmission towers available with the All India Radio (AIR) in the country;

(b) whether these towers are also used/ rented its towers to relay programmes of private radio channels to get additional revenue and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AIR has received any proposal from the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for using their transmission towers for mobile network;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by AIR thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the use of some of the transmission towers by both AIR and BSNL so as to reduce the expenditure on installation of these towers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. *243 FOR ANSWER ON 04.01.2018.

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that 280 towers of various heights are available with All India Radio (AIR).

(b) Presently, 57 AIR towers are shared with Private FM Broadcasters on rental basis. The details are given in **Annexure-A**. In addition to that 37 Doordarshan (DD) towers are also shared with Private FM Broadcasters on rental basis. The details are given in **Annexure-B**. The revenue from sharing of AIR/ DD towers during 2016-17 was about Rs. 41 crore.

(c) & (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that as of now, at 32 places BSNL/MTNL are using Prasar Bharati (AIR&DD) infrastructure on rental basis. The details are given in **Annexure-C**. At 6 places proposals are with BSNL for signing of agreement. The details are given in **Annexure-D**. Proposals from BSNL for sharing of AIR/ DD towers at 13 places have been received as per details given in **Annexure-E**.

(e) It is stated that in order to synergize efforts for multiple utilization of resources and sharing of existing capacities/communication towers of both Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Department of Telecommunications, a committee of officers of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (including DD & AIR) and Department of Telecommunications (including BSNL & MTNL) has been formed on 28.01.2015 to ascertain technical feasibility and decide terms and conditions of infrastructure sharing.

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ANNEXURE-A

AIR Towers shared with private FM Broadcasters

Sr. No.	Location of towers	State
1	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
2	Surat	Gujarat
3	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
4	Asansol	West Bengal
5	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
6	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand
7	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
8	Vadodara	Gujarat
9	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
10	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
11	Ahmednagar	Maharashtra
12	Akola	Maharashtra
13	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh
14	Bikaner	Rajasthan
15	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh
16	Chandigarh	Chandigarh/UT
17	Dhule	Maharashtra
18	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh
19	Gulbarga	Karnataka
20	Haflong	Assam
21	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir
22	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh
23	Kannur	Kerala
24	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
25	Kozhikode	Kerala
26	Mangalore	Karnataka
27	Nanded	Maharashtra
28	Nasik	Maharashtra
29	Patiala	Punjab
30	Puducherry	Puducherry
31	Rourkela	Odisha
32	Sangli	Maharashtra
33	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
34	Sholapur	Maharashtra
35	Siliguri	West Bengal

36	Tiruchy	Tamil Nadu
37	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu
38	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
39	Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu
40	Thrissur	Kerala
41	Udaipur	Rajasthan
42	Warangal	Telangana
43	Aizawl	Mizoram
44	Hissar	Haryana
45	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
46	Panaji	Goa
47	Junagarh	Gujarat
48	Poonch	Jammu & Kashmir
49	Kathua	Jammu & Kashmir
50	Leh	Jammu & Kashmir
51	Godhra	Gujarat
52	Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh
53	Amravati	Maharashtra
54	Raigarh	Chhattisgarh
55	Dhubri	Assam
56	Delhi (Mall Road)	Delhi
57	Aurangabad	Maharashtra

ANNEXURE-B

Doordarshan Towers shared with Private FM Broadcasters

S. No.	Location of towers	State
1	Mumbai	Maharashtra
2	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
3	Bengaluru	Karnataka
4	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
5	Pune	Maharashtra
6	Agartala	Tripura
7	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
8	Ajmer	Rajasthan
9	Amritsar	Punjab
10	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh
11	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
12	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
13	Chennai	Tamilnadu
14	Delhi	Delhi
15	Gangtok	Sikkim
16	Guwahati	Assam
17	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
18	Hubli-Dharwad	Karnataka
19	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
20	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh
21	Jalandhar	Punjab
22	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
23	Karnal	Haryana
24	Kolkata	West Bengal
25	Kota	Rajasthan
26	Muzaffarpur	Bihar
27	Mysore	Karnataka
28	Nagpur	Maharashtra
29	Patna	Bihar
30	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
31	Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh
32	Rajkot	Gujarat
33	Ranchi	Jharkhand
34	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
35	Vellore	Tamilnadu
36	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
37	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh

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ANNEXURE-C

Sr. No.	Name of Company	AIR/DD	Place	State/UT
1	BSNL	DD	Chennai	Tamilnadu
2	BSNL	DD	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
3	BSNL	DD	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
4	BSNL	AIR	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
5	BSNL	DD	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
6	BSNL	Radio Kashmir	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
7	BSNL	AIR	Chittorgarh	Rajasthan
8	BSNL	AIR	Kolkata	West Bengal
9	BSNL	AIR	Jaipur	Rajasthan
10	BSNL	AIR	Yavatmal	Maharashtra
11	BSNL	DD	Udhampur	Jammu & Kashmir
12	BSNL	AIR	Chandigarh	Punjab & Haryana
13	BSNL	AIR	Nagpur	Maharashtra
14	BSNL	AIR	Ratnagiri (Studio)	Maharashtra
15	BSNL	AIR	AIR, Ratnagiri (T/R site)	Maharashtra
16	BSNL	AIR	Mount Abu	Rajasthan
17	BSNL	AIR	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
18	BSNL	AIR	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
19	BSNL	LPTV	Chiplun (Satara)	Maharashtra
20	BSNL	DD	Bhilwara	Rajasthan
21	BSNL	DDK	Chandigarh	Punjab & Haryana
22	BSNL	DD, HPT	Bikaner	Rajasthan
23	BSNL	LPTV	Lunawada	Gujarat
24	BSNL	DDK	Warangal	Telangana
25	BSNL	AIR	Dharamshala	Himachal Pradesh
26	MTNL	DDK	Mandi house	Delhi
27	MTNL	AIR	AV Bhavan	Delhi
28	BSNL	AIR	Mysore	Karnataka
29	BSNL	DD	Ajmer	Rajasthan
30	BSNL	AIR	Dhule	Maharashtra
31	BSNL	AIR	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
32	BSNL	DDK	Sagar	Madhya Pradesh

Table title: Station wise details of sharing of Prasar Bharati Infrastructure with BSNL/MTNL

ANNEXURE-D

	Station wise details of proposal from BSNL which are with BSNL for signing of agreement.			
Sr. No.	Name of Company	AIR/DD	Place	State/UT
1	BSNL	LPTV	Lunawada	Gujarat
2	BSNL	DDK	Warangal	Telangana
3	BSNL	AIR	Dharamshala	Himachal Pradesh
4	BSNL	AIR	Mysore	Karnataka
5	BSNL	DD	Ajmer	Rajasthan
6	BSNL	DDK	Sagar	Madhya Pradesh

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ANNEXURE-E

Sr. No.	Name of Company	AIR/DD	Place	State/UT
**Station wise details of proposal from BSNL for sharing of Prasar Bharati Infrastructure under examination.**
1	BSNL	AIR	Silchar	Assam
2	BSNL	NABM, AIR & DD	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
3	BSNL	DD	Lunglei	Mizoram
4	BSNL	AIR	Hospet	Karnataka
5	BSNL	AIR	Dhule	Maharashtra
6	BSNL	DMC	Nainital	Uttarakhand
7	BSNL	AIR	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
8	BSNL	AIR	Sangli	Maharashtra
9	BSNL	DMC	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
10	BSNL	AIR	Hamirpur	Himachal Pradesh
11	BSNL	DMC	Karad	Maharashtra
12	BSNL	DMC	Phaltan	Maharashtra
13	BSNL	DMC	Khed	Maharashtra

Note:

(i)   NABM stands for National Academy of Broadcasting and Multimedia.
(ii)   DMC stands for Doordarshan Maintenance Centre.