

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1740
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017)**

WINDING UP OF LOW POWER TV TRANSMITTERS

1740. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has started to wind up Low Power TV Transmitters having viewership of less than 1 per cent;
- (b) if so, the number of such transmitters which are going to be wound up;
- (c) the amount likely to be saved due to the said move of the Government; and
- (d) whether any action was taken against those officials/advisors who were instrumental in setting up of these transmitters with huge investment and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING**

{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that with the advancement in technology, the Analogue Terrestrial Transmission (ATT) is being made digital [Digital Terrestrial Transmission (DTT)] all over the world including India. DTT has several advantages like better quality of picture & sound, greater number of channels, reception on mobile etc. Prasar Bharati Board has approved closure of ATT in a phased manner.

Presently, under 11th and 12th Plan schemes Government has approved setting up of Digital Terrestrial Transmitters (DTTs) at 63 locations in the country. This has been done keeping in view the technical advancement in digital transmission across the world.
