

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*98  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018)**

**CLOSURE OF ANALOG TRANSMITTERS**

**\*98. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued an order with regard to the closure of analog transmitters in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the analog transmitters which have been closed by the Government, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to upgrade all the analog transmitters into digital ones and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that the analog transmitters are the only way of infotainment for the people living in the remote/rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make alternate arrangements for transmission of programmes in these areas and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
(SHRIMATI 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  
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**(a) & (b)** Prasar Bharati has informed that no such orders have been issued in respect of All India Radio (AIR) as of now. However, in view of modern broadcasting trends, a Committee was set up to review the continuation of Terrestrial analog TV Transmitters. On the recommendation of the Committee, closure of Analog Terrestrial Transmitters (ATT) in a phased manner has been approved by the Prasar Bharati Board. Accordingly, order for closure of 272 ATTs has been issued by Prasar Bharati. State/UT-wise details of these transmitters are available on Doordarshan's website [www.ddindia.gov.in](http://www.ddindia.gov.in) at the following link:  
<http://www.ddindia.gov.in/AboutDD/Pages/Doordarshan-Transmitters.aspx>.

In addition, order for closure of 38 ATTs at 18 locations has been issued where Digital Terrestrial Transmitters (DTT) have already been commissioned. These details are also available at Doordarshan's website [www.ddindia.gov.in](http://www.ddindia.gov.in) at the following link:  
<http://www.ddindia.gov.in/AboutDD/Pages/Doordarshan-Transmitters.aspx>

**(c)** The Analog terrestrial transmission world over including India is being made digital as Digital Terrestrial Transmission (DTT) has several advantages like better quality of picture & sound, more number of channels for viewers etc. As part of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Plan Schemes, Government of India has approved setting up of Digital Terrestrial TV Transmitters (DTTs) at 63 locations. The list is available on Doordarshan's website [www.ddindia.gov.in](http://www.ddindia.gov.in) at the following link:  
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Similarly for AIR, replacement/ Up-gradation of 36 valve based MW/ SW Analog Transmitters by new technology Solid State Digital (DRM) MW/ SW Transmitters has been completed. Replacement of valve based MW Transmitters at 6 places in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas by digital ready MW transmitters is targeted for completion in this year.

**(d) & (e)** At present even in the rural/remote areas broadcasts are available through multiple modes.

Doordarshan is operating its free to air DTH service "DD free Dish". This is free to air platform and the viewers do not have to pay monthly subscription fee as in the case of Cable TV and Pay DTH. DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country including those living in the remote/rural areas, with the help of small sized low cost dish receive units. 39 Channels of AIR are also available on Doordarshan's DTH platform.

As far as AIR is concerned, all the new Digital MW transmitters [as stated in para (c)] are broadcasting in analog as well as digital mode simultaneously and can be received on the conventional radio sets also.

AIR is already disseminating infotainment across the country by alternate ways of Internet and Satellite communication. 17 popular channels of AIR can be received through internet by browsing AIR's website <[www.allindiaradio.gov.in](http://www.allindiaradio.gov.in)> and by downloading suitable apps on iOS/ Android based mobile phones.

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