

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1552  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018)**

**SETTING UP OF DOORDARSHAN/AKASHVANI KENDRAS**

**1552. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:**

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

- (a) the districts especially in rural areas where there is no coverage of Doordarshan/ Akashvani Kendras as on date;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments for the setting up of Doordarshan/ Akashvani Kendras in their States;
- (c) if so, the details of proposals received and action taken by the Union Government thereon during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the time by which all the districts of the country are likely to be covered under Doordarshan/ Akashvani network?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}**

(a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that as far as Doordarshan is concerned, all areas of the country (including districts in rural areas), have been provided with multi-channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH (Direct to Home) service. DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country, including in rural areas, with the help of small sized dish receive units.

In so far as AIR is concerned, AIR network is available in entire country including rural areas through DTH platform as well as on internet. 39 channels of All India Radio have already been provided on Doordarshan's DTH platform (DD Free Dish) which can be received by using digital Set Top Box throughout the country. Additionally, 17 popular channels of All India Radio can also be received through internet by browsing AIR's website <allindiaradio.gov.in> and by downloading suitable apps on iOS/Android based mobile phones.

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In terrestrial mode, AIR is covering about 92 % of the area and about 99 % of the total population of the country. However, some of the areas including hilly areas of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh & North East Regions are still uncovered by terrestrial services.

Proposals from various State Governments are received from time to time for setting up of new Doordarshan Kendras (Studio Centres) and Akashvani Kendras in their respective states. These proposals are considered on the basis of inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

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