

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3210

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019)

DOORDARSHAN/FM TRANSMISSION

3210. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

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

- (a) the population and areas in percentage of the country including Gujarat that have not been covered under Doordarshan network so far, if so, the reasons therefor along with the names of such areas, State-wise;**
- (b) the measures that are being taken by the Government for coverage of Doordarshan network in that area;**
- (c) whether the Government had made any effort to launch FM radio services in Dahod district of Gujarat and if so, the details of the efforts undertaken;**

- (d) whether the Government had invited tender to launch FM radio services in Dahod district of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government got any request for replacement of FM transmitter which was installed in Amreli district of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the time by which the FM transmitter that was installed is likely to be replaced with higher capacity transmitter?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE;

AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b): Doordarshan provides multi-channel TV coverage to the entire country including Gujarat, through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service 'DD Free Dish'. Good quality DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country including Gujarat.

(c) & (d): A project for setting up of 100 W FM transmitter at 100 locations including Dahod has been approved.

(e) & (f): At Amreli, a 100 W FM transmitter is operational. At present, there is no proposal for its replacement with a higher power transmitter.
