

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4588

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023)

**UPGRADATION OF BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE OF PRASAR
BHARTI**

4588. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

**Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to
state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to upgrade broadcasting
infrastructure and network development of Prasar Bharti;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to distribute over eight
lakh Doordarshan dish setup boxes to people living in remote,
tribal and border areas; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the timeframe fixed, if any?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) The Government has approved continuation of the Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND)” with an outlay of Rs. 2539.61 crore for the period 2021-26 for upgradation of broadcasting infrastructure and network development of Prasar Bharati which also includes distribution of over 8 lakh DD Free Dish Set Top Boxes (STBs) to people living in remote, tribal, Left Wing Extremism affected, border areas and aspirational districts in consultation with State Governments.
