

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1889

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023)

EXPANSION OF DOORDARSHAN

1889. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for expansion of Doordarshan and All India Radios to people living in remote, tribal, Left Wing Extremism (LWE), border areas and aspirational districts;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has recently approved the Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” in the country;**

- (d) if so, the details including the scope and coverage thereof; and**
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government regarding strengthening of information and broadcasting infrastructure and services in such areas?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Government has approved continuation of the Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” with an outlay of Rs. 2539.61 crore for the period 2021-26 with various components including expansion of reach of public service broadcasting in remote, tribal, Left Wing Extremism, border areas, aspirational districts and other such areas of strategic/national importance. This scheme also envisages free distribution of over 8 lakh DD Free Dish Set Top Boxes (STBs) to people living in remote, tribal, Left Wing Extremism, border areas and aspirational districts in consultation with State Governments and installation of FM transmitters of various capacities at 41 locations across the country.
