

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 862

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2023)

UPGRADATION OF BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE

862. 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 set up boxes to people living in remote, tribal and border areas; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe fixed in this regard?**

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” with an outlay of Rs. 2539.61 crore for the period 2021-26 with various components including free 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 during this period.
