

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 270

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023)

FUNDS FOR MODERNIZATION OF AIR AND DD KENDRAS

270. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

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

- (a) whether any funds have been earmarked or sanctioned by the Government for the upgradation and modernization of the All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras in Odisha and other States during the last three financial years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government in this regard in the State of Odisha and particularly in Sundargarh District?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The modernization and strengthening of infrastructure and network of Prasar Bharati in respect of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) at different stations across the country is a continuous process under the “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” (BIND) Scheme. This scheme has been further continued for the period 2021-26 with an outlay of Rs. 2539.61 crores for various components.

(c): Following projects have been undertaken under BIND Scheme in the state of Odisha (including Sundargarh district):

- (i) Setting up of 100W FM Relay Station at Sundargarh.**
- (ii) Approval for setting up of 1kW FM transmitter at Bonaigarh in Sundargarh district.**
- (iii) Modernization and upgradation of DDK Bhubaneswar & DDK Sambalpur .**
- (iv) Modernization of MW Transmitters at Jeypore, Sambalpur and Bhawanipatna.**
- (v) Modernization and upgradation of Regional training Centre at Bhubaneswar.**
- (vi) Commissioning of 100 W FM Relay stations at 7 locations (Malkangiri, Nabrangpur, Phulbani, Bargarh, Kendrapara, Koraput and Mohana).**
- (vii) Setting up of 5 kW FM transmitter at Balasore.**
