

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2738

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2023)

FUNDS FOR AIR

2738. MS. NUSSRAT JAHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures for the modernization of Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras in the country including those from West Bengal to meet the changing demands, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (b) the details of the amounts sanctioned, released and utilized for the All India Radio (AIR) stations in West Bengal during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?**

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 Akashvani and Doordarshan (DD) at different stations across the country is a continuous process under the Central Sector Scheme “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 crore for various components.

As envisaged under the BIND Scheme, funds are sanctioned, released and utilized component-wise not State-wise. Under the BIND Scheme, Prasar Bharati has taken up projects for modernization of various studios and upgradation and establishment of MW/FM transmitters at Kolkata, Siliguri, Kurseong, Murshidabad, Shantiniketan, Asansol, Cooch Behar, Bardhaman and Alipurduar in West Bengal.
