

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 293

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023)

MODERNIZATION OF AIR AND DD KENDRAS

293. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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 Kerala to meet the changing demands and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is true that several All India Radio (AIR) stations are still functioning with old vacuum tube transformers which result in consumption of more power and resulting in higher operational costs, if so, the details thereof including along with the list of such AIR stations, State and UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to replace the old vacuum tube transformers by Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) transmitters to ensure smooth functioning and reduce operational costs in a time bound manner;**

- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the details of the amounts sanctioned, released and utilized for each of the AIR stations in Kerala in Financial Year 2023-24 as on date?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): 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 “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.

Presently, only 25 Akashvani stations are functioning with vacuum tube transmitters. State/UT- wise details are at Annexure-I.

(e): The details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised for each of the AIR stations in Kerala are at Annexure -II.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 293 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF STATIONS HAVING VACUUM TUBE TRANSMITTERS BASED MW TRANSMITTERS**

S. No.	State	District	Location	Power
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Lohit	Tezu	10 KW
2.	Assam	Kamrup Metropolitan	Guwahati	100 KW
3.	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	20 kW
4.	Assam	Sonitpur	Tezpur	20 KW
5.	Bihar	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	20 KW
6.	Goa	North Goa	Panaji	20 KW
7.	Karnataka	Shivamogga	Bhadrawati	20 KW
8.	Karnataka	Gulbarga	Gulbarga	20 KW
9.	Kerala	Alappuzha	Alappuzha	200 kW
10.	Kerala	Kozhikode	Kozhikode (Calicut)	100 KW
11.	Kerala	Thrissur	Thrissur	100 KW
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Bhopal	10 KW
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Gwalior	20 KW
14.	Maharashtra	Parbhani	Parbhani	20 KW
15.	Maharashtra	Sangli	Sangli	20 KW
16.	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Udaipur	20 KW
17.	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	20 KW
18.	Tamil Nadu	Madurai	Madurai	20 KW
19.	Tamil Nadu	Tuticorin	Tuticorin	200 KW
20.	Tripura	West Tripura	Agartala	20 KW
21.	UT (Puducherry)	Puducherry	Puducherry	20 KW
22.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	Agra	20 KW
23.	Uttar Pradesh	Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur	10 KW (Mobile)
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Prayagraj	20 KW
25.	Uttar Pradesh	Rampur	Rampur	20 KW

ANNEXURE-II**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 293 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023****DETAILS OF SANCTIONED BUDGET GRANT(SBG)/ RELEASED &
EXPENDITURE OF THE AKASHVANI STATIONS IN KERALA****(Amount in Rs. thousands)**

S.No.	Name of the Stations	Other Admn. Exp. (Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources)		
		SBG 2023-24	Released	Exp. Upto Oct. 2023
1	Akashvani, Cochin	17870	12527	11100
2	Main Channel, Akashvani, Cochin	3228	1691	1127
3	Akashvani, Calicut	22151	15294	12080
4	Akashvani, Manjeri	4580	3260	2517
5	Akashvani, Trichur	16650	10692	9568
6	High Power Transmitter, Akashvani, Alleppey	17100	10641	8298
7	Akashvani, Cannanore	5490	3537	3026
8	Akashvani, Devikulam	3625	2524	1946
9	Akashvani, Thiruvananthapuram	40510	27495	19559
10	Akashvani, Thiruvananthapuram, 5kW	375	266	36
11	Commercial Broadcasting Station, Akashvani, Thiruvananthapuram	2135	1581	752
	Total	133714	89508	70009