

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 552

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024)

BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

552. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

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

- (a) whether any projects or schemes initiated for 'Broadcasting Infrastructure Network Development';**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and total funds sanctioned, allocated and spent for such schemes under 'Broadcasting Infrastructure Network Development';**
- (c) whether there was lapse of any sanctioned fund allotted under Broadcasting Infrastructure Network Development, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government has approved the plan to spend over Rs. 2,500 crore on "infrastructure development" at Prasar Bharati - specifically All India Radio and Doordarshan under 'Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND)' in January 2023, if so, the details of the project and the budget allocation?**

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 (BIND)” on 18.01.2023 with an outlay of Rs. 2539.61 crore for the period 2021-26 with various components for modernization and upgradation of Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development aimed at enhancing the physical infrastructure of Doordarshan and All India Radio .

During the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 (till date), an amount of Rs. 965 crore has been allocated under BIND Scheme. Based on the requirements of Prasar Bharati, an amount of Rs. 620.33 crore has been released by the Ministry out of which Rs. 456.23 crore has been spent by Prasar Bharati till December 2023.
