

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2249

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020)

UPGRADATION OF AIR/DD

2249. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:

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

(a) whether AIR/DD stations are regularly being modernised/upgraded at par with international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof including modernisation/ upgradation work carried out in the production of broadcast/telecast of programmes of All India Radio and the Doordarshan;

(c) the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the benefits accrued as a result of modernisation/ upgradation of AIR/DD Stations?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE;
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER
OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) Modernization and upgradation of All India Radio(AIR) and Doordarshan(DD) infrastructure is a continuous process and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time. Modernization plan covers a broad spectrum of activities, which, *inter-alia*, include digitalization; adoption of new technologies at par with international standards; replacement of old/outlived transmitters, satellite broadcast equipment and studio equipment; expansion of DTH, HDTV and TV channels etc.

(c) The year-wise funds allocated and expenditure made for the above mentioned purpose are as under:

(Figure in Rs. Crores)

Year	All India Radio		Doordarshan	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
2017-18	115.00	115.00	118.34	52.02
2018-19	119.98	108.01	112.17	80.08
2019-20	104.24	100.17	96.00	85.61
2020-21*	131.95	20.99	115.05	22.73

***Expenditure for 2020-21 is up-to Aug. 2020**

(d) With the modernization/ upgradation, the quality of Programme production, post production and telecast/broadcast has improved. Replacement of old equipment has enhanced the reliability & performance of systems. Upgraded systems are spectrum efficient and hence increased the channel capacity.
