

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4043

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021)

CLOSURE OF ANALOG RELAY CENTRES OF DD

4043. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is closing or curtailing the number of analog relay centres of Doordarshan;**
- (b) if so, the details of such centres, State/UT-wise; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for upgradation of Doordarshan relay centres during the last three years with special reference to Uttar Pradesh?**

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) to (c) : Prasar Bharati has informed that in view of emerging broadcasting trends and adoption of satellite and digital technologies, the analog Terrestrial TV Transmitters have become obsolete and are being phased out by Prasar Bharati in various parts of the country.

The entire country has been provided with multichannel TV coverage through Prasar Bharati's "DD Free Dish", a free-to-air Direct-to-Home platform. It is possible to receive "DD Free Dish" signals anywhere in the country with the help of a small sized receive unit, free of cost and without any recurring expense.

A Central Sector Scheme namely, "Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development" with an amount of Rs.619.48 crore has been approved for Doordarshan Network during the period 2017-2020. This includes Modernization, Augmentation and Replacement of transmitters and Broadcast Equipment and upgradation of Doordarshan relay centres and studios etc. all over India, including Uttar Pradesh.
