

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 868

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021)

MODERNIZATION OF BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE

868. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has allocated funds amounting to Rs. 473 crores to Broadcasting Infrastructure Network Development (BIND) Scheme for modernization of broadcasting network infrastructure during the financial year 2019-20; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status of progress made in this regard?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. Rs.473.00 crore was allocated to Prasar Bharati in 2019-20 at BE (Budget Estimate) stage under the “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND)” scheme.

The various components of the scheme are as under:

- i. Modernization (including Digitization), Augmentation & Replacement of Transmitters**
- ii. Modernization, Augmentation & Replacement of Satellite Broadcast equipment**
- iii. Modernization & Digitalization of Studios**
- iv. FM Expansion/Replacement (AIR)**
- v. Expansion of DTH**
- vi. Strengthening of Coverage in Sensitive areas by AIR**
- vii. High Definition TV (HDTV)**
- viii. Expansion of TV Channels**
- ix. Broadcasting on Alternate Platform**
- x. Augmentation of Civil Infrastructure including Staff Quarters and other misc. works**
- xi. E-governance project by AIR**
- xii. Content Development and SAP (Swachhata Action Plan)**

The allocation of the funds is made in a phased manner. The allocation of funds in the year 2019-20 and expenditure as under:

(Rs. In Crore)

Financial Year	Allocation	Revised Allocation	Expenditure
2019-20	473.00	235.40	289.02*

*** This amount includes unspent balance of FY 2018-19.**
