

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2221

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2022)

ALL INDIA RADIO

2221. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has any proposal to replace existing analogue medium wave 100 KW transmitter at all India Radio Kozhikode with new to digital transmitter, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Prasar Bharati and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has any proposal to restore terrestrial TV transmission Doordarshan Kendra Kozhikode, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal for digitisation of production facility at Doordarshan Kendra Kozhikode, if so, the details thereof;**

- (d) whether the Government has also any proposal to deploy the staff freed up by the closure of analog terrestrial transmitters; and**
- (e) if so, the the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal for replacement of existing analogue medium wave 100 KW transmitter at Kozhikode.**
- (b) No, Sir. In view of emerging trends in broadcasting, 1300 Doordarshan obsolete Analog Terrestrial Transmitters are phased out including the Analog Terrestrial Transmitter at Kozhikode in Kerala. Presently, there is no proposal for revival of Analog Terrestrial Transmitter at Kozhikode.**
- (c) Modernization/ up gradation of Doordarshan network by utilizing modern techniques and equipment is a continuous process. Modernization plan covers a broad spectrum, which, inter alia, includes digitalization; adoption of new technologies at par with Broadcast industry standards; replacement of old ageing equipment**

and upgradation, etc. Schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time depending upon available resources and inter-se priority.

Presently, there is no approved scheme for further upgradation/ Digitization of DDK Kozhikode.

(d) & (e) Officials/manpower spared due to rationalisation of ATTs are deployed at various establishments of Prasar Bharati as per the operational requirements.

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