

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5368**

**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2022)**

**TRANSMISSION CENTRES**

**5368. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:**

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

- (a) whether Terrestrial Transmission of Doordarshan and Small Radio Transmission Centres have been shut down by many Prasar Bharati Boards in the country;**
- (b) if so, the number of transmission centres shut down in the country, State-wise;**
- (c) the reasons due to which these centres are being shut down; and**
- (d) the details and the number of transmission centres likely to be shut down by the Government?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND**

**MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

**(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

**(a) to (d) In view of emerging trends in Broadcasting, and availability of “DD Free Dish” a free-to-air Direct to Home (DTH) Service of Prasar Bharati in the country carrying more than 150 TV channels including 51 educational channels free of cost without any monthly subscription, the Doordarshan Analog Terrestrial TV (ATT) Transmitters carrying only one channel have lost their relevance. The signals of “DD FreeDish” can be received in the country with the help of small sized low cost dish receive units. Accordingly, Prasar Bharati has decided to phase out the obsolete ATTs barring 55 ATTs in strategic locations and 23 Digital Terrestrial TV transmitters (DTTs) (all High Power Transmitters (HPTs)). State-wise details of such obsolete closed transmitters are given at Annexure.**

**Further, Prasar Bharati is not closing any Akashvani radio station in India, however, obsolete analog transmitters are phased out from time to time with the availability of alternate transmission technologies such as FM, Satellite Radio through DTH and Internet Streaming.**

**The rationalisation of obsolete terrestrial transmitters has no bearing on content generation by the AIR and DD Kendras across the country.**

**ANNEXURE REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA****UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5368 FOR ANSWER ON 05.04.2022.****Number of Transmitters closed in last 5 years**

S.No.	State	Closed Transmitters			
		HPTs	LPTs	VLPTs	Transposer
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	44	8	1
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	3	39	
3.	Assam	6	21	1	1
4.	Bihar	6	31	2	
5.	Chhattisgarh	5	15	8	
6.	Goa	2			
7.	Gujarat	11	54	3	
8.	Haryana	3	20		
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5	8	39	2
10.	Jammu & Kashmir		14	55	1
11.	Jharkhand	5	19	3	
12.	Karnataka	12	49	7	
13.	Kerala	7	22	4	
14.	Madhya Pradesh	12	60	6	
15.	Maharashtra	13	88	20	
16.	Manipur	3	1	4	
17.	Meghalaya	4	3	2	
18.	Mizoram	3	2	2	
19.	Nagaland	3	3	6	2
20.	Odisha	7	69	18	1
21.	Punjab	7	5		
22.	Rajasthan	11	69	17	2
23.	Sikkim			6	

24.	Tamil Nadu	9	53	7	1
25.	Telangana	4	36	1	
26.	Tripura	2	6	1	1
27.	Uttar Pradesh	18	62	4	
28.	Uttarakhand	2	17	33	2
29.	West Bengal	13	19	1	
30.	Chandigarh		1		
31.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu		3		
32.	Delhi	3			
33.	Ladakh		1	29	
34.	Laksha Dweep Islands		15		
35.	Puducherry	1	2	2	
<b>Total</b>		<b>189</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Transmitters Closed</b>		<b>1346</b>			

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