

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4275**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026)**

**OUTLAY UNDER BIND SCHEME**

**4275. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:**

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

- a. the details of total outlay approved under the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme along with the funds allocated and utilised since its inception, year-wise;
- b. the projects sanctioned under the BIND Scheme in the State of Kerala along with details of works undertaken;
- c. the details of funds allocated and utilised in Kerala under the said Scheme, year-wise; and
- d. whether the Government proposes any additional projects under the BIND Scheme in Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

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**ANSWER**  
**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND**  
**PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**  
**(DR. L. MURUGAN)**

**(a) to (d):**

Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme for development, modernization and upgradation of broadcasting infrastructure of Doordarshan and Akashvani in the country. BIND scheme has been approved with a total outlay of ₹2540 crore for 2021-26. A total amount of ₹1,355 crore has been released to Prasar Bharati under the scheme so far, including ₹164 crore (2021–22), ₹188 crore (2022–23), ₹371 crore (2023–24), ₹262 crore (2024–25), and ₹370 crore in 2025–26 (up to February 2026).

For the State of Kerala, several projects have been sanctioned under the current BIND Scheme. For Akashvani, these include installation of 100 W FM transmitters at Pathanamthitta and Kayamkulam, a Visual Radio System at Thiruvananthapuram, refurbishment of the studio and replacement of the AC plant at Kozhikode, and replacement of the Diesel Generator at Thrissur, at a total cost of ₹1.42 crore. In addition, replacement of the 10 kW FM transmitter at Kozhikode, upgradation of the 3 kW FM transmitter to 10 kW at Manjeri, and replacement of analog consoles with digital consoles at Devikulam and Manjeri have been approved at a cost of ₹3.1 crore.

For Doordarshan, projects have been sanctioned for modernization and upgradation of DDK Thiruvananthapuram, including modernization of the Earth Station, provision of audio and video equipment, a multi-camera mobile production facility, upgradation of programme production facilities to HD, augmentation of news production equipment, installation of active LED video walls, and an HD watermarking system for DD Malayalam, at a total cost of ₹9.37 crore.

Further, Doordarshan's Free-To-Air Direct-to-Home (DTH) service, "DD Free Dish," is available across the country, including the State of Kerala. Prasar Bharati has also launched its OTT platform WAVES in 2024, a digital streaming aggregator providing infotainment content. These and other pan-India digital broadcasting initiatives are being continuously expanded under the BIND Scheme, and are extended across the country, including the State of Kerala.

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