

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 976
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2016)**

LOW POWER TRANSMITTER

976. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Very Low Power Transmitter in Doordarshan network in the country along with the transmission capacity, location and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of viewership of TV programmes relayed by Very Low Power Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) along with the expenditure incurred to run these DDKs during the last three years;
- (c) whether the transmission capacity of the said DDKs of the country has not been enhanced so far, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to close the low power DDKs located in various parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING**

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(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that there are 368 Very Low Power TV Transmitters (VLPTs) of 10W/ 50W power and 14 Transposers of 10W power in the country. State/UT-wise, locations of the above mentioned VLPTs are given at **Annexure-I.**

(b) (i) No in-house survey has been conducted to assess Low Power Transmitter Viewership by DD. Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) also does not provide LPTV viewership data.

(ii) LPTVs/ VLPTs functioning in Doordarshan Network are looked after by the respective Doordarshan Maintenance Centres (DMCs) spread over the country. Doordarshan allocates funds to the DMCs to meet the operational cost of the LPTVs/VLPTs. The total expenditure incurred by DMCs during the last three years is as under:-

2013-14	Rs. 318.16 Crore
2014-15	Rs. 349.66 Crore
2015-16	Rs. 365.65 Crore

(c) Upgradation/ Modernization of Doordarshan Kendras (induction of new technologies, replacement of old ageing equipment and augmentation/ upgradation of facilities) is a continuous process. Details of the VLPTs upgraded to LPT/ HPT, so far, are given at **Annexure-II**.

(d) & (e) Prasar Bharati has already decided to close the following four Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) as they lie in the coverage zone of nearby High Power Transmitters (HPTs):

1. Madhepura (Bihar)
2. Simri Bakhtiarpur (Bihar)
3. Khagaria (Bihar)
4. Kalna (west Bengal)

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Very Low Power Transmitters in Doordarshan network			
STATE/UT	TRANSMITTERs		
ANDHRA PRADESH	VLPTs (8)		
	KANIGIRI	PADERU	DUTTALUR
	MADIPARDU	PARWATIPURAM	ICCHAPURAM
	MARIPADU	SEETAMPETA	
	TRANSPOSER (1)		
	VIJAYAWADA		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	VLPTs (39)		
	ALONG	HAWAI	RAGA
	BARIRIJO	HAYULIANG	ROING
	BASAR	HUNLI	RUPA
	BOLENG	INKIYONG	SAGALEE
	BOMDILLA	KALAKTANG	SANGRAM
	CHANGLANG	KHIMYONG	SEIJOSA
	CHAYANGTAJO	KHONSA	SEPPA
	DAPORIZO	MARIYANG	TALIHA
	DARAK	MECHUKA	TAWANG
	DEOMALI	MUKTO	TIRBIN
	DIRANG	NAMPONG	TUTING
	GEKU	NAMSAI	YOMCHA
	GENSI	PALIN	ZIRO
ASSAM	VLPT (1)		
	DIGBOI		
	TRANSPOSER (1)		
	GUWAHATI		
BIHAR	VLPTs (2)		
	MASRAKH	MARHAURA	
CHHATTISGARH	VLPTs (8)		
	BIJAPUR	KONDAGAON	PATHALGAON
	DEVBHOG	KOYLIBEDA	SARANGARH

	JASHPURNAGAR	PAKHANJORE	
GUJARAT	VLPTs (3)		
	KAKRAPAR	NETRANG	SAGWARA
HIMACHAL PRADESH	VLPTs (39)		
	AJHU FORT	DALHAUSI	NEHRI
	ASHAPURI	DIAR	NICHAR
	AWAH DEVI	HAMIRPUR	PALAMPUR
	BAIJNATH	HOLI	PARWANOO
	BANDLA	JAHALMA	PIRBHAYANU
	BANJAR	JATINGIRI (PHOOLADHAR)	ROHRU
	BHARMOUR	JOGINDERNAGAR	SARKAGHAT
	BHARTHI	KAJA	SHIVBADAR
	BIJLI MAHADEV	KALPA	THANEDAR
	CHAMBA	KARSOG	TISSA
	CHAUPAL	KEYLONG	UDAIPUR
	CHAURI KHAS	KHARA PATHAR	UNA
	CHIRGAON	KOTKHAI	VEER
	TRANSPOSERS (2)		
	RAJGARH	SOLAN	
JHARKHAND	VLPTs (3)		
	SIMDEGA	RAMGARH HILL	GARHWA (DD News)
JAMMU & KASHMIR	VLPTs (84)		
	ABRAN	HANLE	PADAM
	ARDH KUMARI	HIRA NAGAR	PAHALGAM (RLS- K)
	ARNAS	ICHAR	PANAMIK
	ASHMUQAM (RLS- K)	JAJJAR KOTLI	PANICKER
	BANI	KALAKOT	PONI
	BANIHAL	KANGAN (RLS- K)	PULWAMA (RLS- K)
	BARAMULLA (RLS- K)	KARGIL (RLS- K)	RAMBAN
	BASECAMP (SIACHIN)	KHALTSI	RAMKOT
	BASGO	KHATLAI	RAMNAGAR
	BASOLI	KHREW (RLS- K)	RINGDOM GOMPA
	BATALIK	KISHTWAR	SAKTI
	BATOT	KOTRANKA	SANASAR

	BHADARWA	KUD	SANKOO
	BILAWAR	LATI	SHOPIAN (RLS- K)
	BODH KHURBOO	LOLLAB VALLEY (RLS- K)	SONMARG (RLS- K)
	BONIYAR (RLS- K)	LORAN	SUDH- MAHADEV
	BUDHAL	MACHIL (RLS- K)	TANGMARG
	CHAKROI	MAHORE	TANGSTE
	CHANANI	MANDI	TATAPANI
	CHUMATHANG	MANIGAM (RLS- K)	THANAMANDI
	CHUSHUL	MANJAKOT	THATHRI
	DAH	MANSUR	TIMSOGAM
	DASKIT	MENDHAR	TRAL (RLS- K)
	DHAR	MULBEKH	TURTOK
	DODA	NAGROTA	URI
	DOMCHUK	NIMU	URI (RLS- K)
	DRAS	NOWGAM (RLS- K)	YUSMARG (RLS- K)
	GUJJARON NAGROTA	NYEMA	ZANGLA
	TRANSPOSER (1)		
	SURANKOT		
KARNATAKA	VLPTs (7)		
	BADAMI	MADHUGIRI	SRINGERI
	HUVIN HIPPARGI	SAKLESHPUR	SULYA
	KUDLIGI		
KERALA	VLPTs (4)		
	DEVIKOLAM	KANJIRAPALLI	
	ERATUPPETA	MUNDAKAYAM	
MADHYA PRADESH	VLPTs (6)		
	ALIRAJPUR	BUDHNI	PARASIA
	ALOT	DIAMOND MINING PROJ.	SINGRAULI
MAHARASHTRA	VLPTs (20)		
	AMBET	KARANJA (WARDHA)	PIMPALNER-SAKRI
	ARJUNI	KARJAT	SAKOLI
	ASHTI	KHED	SINDEWAHI

	BHOKAR	KOREGAON	TIWSA
	CHIKALDHARA	KURKHEDA	VASANTGARH
	CHIMUR	MALKAPUR	WAI
	JUNNAR	MALWAN	
MANIPUR	VLPTs (4)		
	CHANDEL	MOREH	SENAPATI
	KANGPOKPI		
MEGHALAYA	VLPTs (2)		
	BAGHMARA	NONGSTOIN	
MIZORAM	VLPTs (2)		
	CHAMPHAI	SAIHA	
NAGALAND	VLPTs (6)		
	MON	SATAKHA	WOKHA
	PHEK	SHAMTORI	ZUNHEBOTO
	TRANSPOSERS (2)		
	KOHIMA	BARA BASTI	
ODISHA	VLPTs (18)		
	AUL - RLS	KOKSARA - RLS	SUBDEGA - RLS
	BADA BARBIL- RLS	LANJIGARH -RLS	SIMLIPALGARH - RLS
	CHITRAKONDA - RLS	MACHHKUND - RLS	SUKINDA - RLS
	JAYAPATNA - RLS	NAGCHI - RLS	THOUMAL RAMPUR - RLS
	KALAMPUR - RLS	NAYAGARH - RLS	ROURKELA (DD News)
	KASHIPUR - RLS	PAIKAMAL - RLS	LALITGIRI (DD News)
	TRANSPOSER (1)		
	SUNABEDA		
RAJASTHAN	VLPTs (17)		
	AMET	GANGAPUR (BHILWARA)	RAJGARH (ALWAR)
	ANDHI	KOTRA	RAWATBHATA
	BHIM	KUMBHALGARH	SIKRAI
	CHAUMAHLA	LAXMANGARH	TIBI
	DEOGARH	MANDALGARH	VIRATNAGAR
	FATEHPUR	NEEM KA THANA	

	TRANSPOSERS (2)		
	JAMUA RAMGARH		
	LALSOT		
SIKKIM	VLPTs (6)		
	GYALSHING	NAMCHI	SINGTAM
	MANGAN	RANGPO	ZORETHANG
TAMILNADU	VLPTs(7)		
	GINGEE	TIRUVANAMALAI	VALPARAI
	KANCHIPURAM	VALLIUR	VAZA PADI
	METTUPALAYAM		
	TRANSPOSER (1)		
	DINDIGUL		
TELANGANA	VLPT(1)		
	SRISALEM		
TRIPURA	VLPT (1)		
	DHARMA NAGAR		
	TRANSPOSER (1)		
	BELLONIA		
UTTAR PRADESH	VLPTs (4)		
	KHUBIA NANGAL	MANKAPUR	
	MANIKPUR	THAKURDWARA (DD News)	
UTTARAKHAND	VLPTs(33)		
	ALMORA	DUGADDA	MUNSIARI
	AROLI (BANOLI)	FATA	NANDPRAYAG
	BADRINATH	GAJJA	NAUGAONKHAL
	BAGESHWAR	GHANDYAL	OKHIMATH
	BASOT	GOPESHWAR	POKHRI
	BHATIARI	JOSHIMATH	PRATAPNAGAR
	CHAUKHATIA	KALJIKHAL	RAJGRAHI
	DEVPRAYAG	KARAN PRAYAG	RANIKHET
	DEWAL	KAUSANI	RUDERPRAYAG
	DHARCHULA	MANESHWAR	THARALI
	DIDIHAT	MANILA	UTTRAKASHI

	TRANSPOSERS(2)		
	MUSSOORIE	SRINAGAR	
WEST BENGAL	VLPT (1)		
	EGRA		
A & N ISLANDS	VLPTs (25)		
	BARATANG	KALIGHAT	SWARAJ GRAM
	CAMPBEL BAY	KATCHAL	TERESSA
	CHOWRA	LONG ISLAND	CAMPBEL BAY (DD News)
	DIGLIPUR	MAYABUNDER	DIGLIPUR (DD News)
	HARINAGAR	NANCOWRY	HUTBAY (DD News)
	HAVELOCK	NEIL ISLAND	MAYABUNDER (DD News)
	HUTBAY	RAMA KRISHAN PURAM	NANCOWRY (DD News)
	KADAMTALA	RANGAT	RANGAT (DD News)
	JOGINDER NAGAR		
LAKSHADWEEP	VLPTs (15)		
	MINICOY	KADMAT (RLS)	KAVARATTI (DD News)
	AGATTI (RLS)	KALPENI (RLS)	MINICOY (DD NEWS)
	AMINI (RLS)	KILTON (RLS)	ANDROTT (DD NEWS)
	ANDROTT (RLS)	AGATTI (DD NEWS)	KADMAT(DD NEWS)
	CHETLAT (RLS)	AMINI (DD NEWS)	KALPENI (DD NEWS)
PUDUCHERRY	VLPTs (2)		
	MAHE	YANAM (RLS)	

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VERY LOW POWER TRANSMITTERS UPGRADED TO LPT/HPT		
STATE / UT	VLPTs upgraded to HPTs	VLPTs upgraded to LPTs
ANDHRA PRADESH		VISAKHAPATANAM
ARUNACHAL PRADESH		MIAO
ASSAM		HAFLONG
GUJARAT		DEVGADH BARIA
JAMMU & KASHMIR		
	KUPWARA	RAJOURI
	GUREZ	POONCH
	TITHWAL	UDHAMPUR
MAHARASHTRA		BADLAPUR
MANIPUR	CHURACHANDPUR	
MIZORAM	LUNGLEI	
ODISHA		BONAI
		PALLAHARA
		PATNAGARH
TAMILNADU		UDUMALPET
		UDHAGAMANDALAM
UTTARAKHAND		HALDWANI
WEST BENGAL		BAGHMANDI
		JHALDA
		SILVASSA
DAMAN & DIU		DIU
LAKSHADWEEP		KAVARATTI
PUDUCHERRY		KARAIKAL