

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 573

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025)

MODERNIZATION OF AKASHVANI AND DOORDARSHAN KENDRAS

573. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures for the modernization of Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras in the country including those from Bihar to meet the changing demands;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the details of the amount sanctioned, released and utilized for the All India Radio (AIR) stations in Bihar during the last three years and the current year, station and year-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(DR. L. MURUGAN)

(a) to (c): The Government has undertaken measures for the modernization and expansion of Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras (DDK) across all the states.

The Kendras are being upgraded under the Central Sector Scheme – Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND). This includes major upgrades throughout the country, including Bihar, to strengthen public broadcasting.

The scheme has been approved with a total outlay of Rs. 2,539.61 crore for the period 2021–26.

The focus of the scheme is on:

- Digitalization and modernization of broadcasting equipment**
- Replacement of old systems**
- Upgradation of studio and transmitter infrastructure**
- Introduction of new technologies and digital workflows**

Government has sanctioned various projects for modernization of broadcasting infrastructure in Bihar. It includes Rs. 64.56 Cr for modernization of Akashvani Kendras and Rs. 4.31 Cr for modernization of Doordarshan Kendras.
