

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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AIR AND DOORDARSHAN NETWORK

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

- (a) the total area covered by AIR and Doordarshan network in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of HPT and LPT installed and put into operation by the Government during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) the number of LPT converted into HPT during the same period;
- (d) whether the Government have set any target due to cover the whole population of the country by AIR and Doordarshan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
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- (a): The area and population coverage of AIR is 90% and 97.3% respectively. Most of the uncovered area is either un-inhabited or sparsely populated. Therefore, there has been no significant increase in the area covered by AIR during the last three years though quality of broadcast in areas already covered has improved. The estimated additional area covered by Doordarshan during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 is 6332.8 sq. km., 34830.4 sq. km. and 60161.6 sq. km. respectively.
- (b): The details of Low Power and High Power Transmitters of AIR and Doordarshan commissioned during last three years are given in the Annexure..
- (c): 5 Low Power Transmitters of AIR and 8 of Doordarshan have been upgraded to High Power Transmitters during the said period. Satellite channels of DD provide coverage to the whole population of the country.
- (d) & (e): The improvement/expansion of Terrestrial Radio/TV coverage in the country is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources.