

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3812
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T.V.TRANSMITTERS/STUDIO IN TAMIL NADU
V. VETRISELVAN

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

- (a) whether the Government are receiving frequent complaints about the erratic functioning of T.V Transmitters in rural and backward areas of the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by or being taken by the Government to ensure that the T.V. Transmitters function properly; (
- (c) whether construction work of certain studio building/T.V. Transmitters in Tamil Nadu is in progress;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of work; and
- (e) the time by which such studios/transmitters are likely to be completed and commissioned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Complaints regarding erratic functioning of some T.V. transmitters, including those in rural and backward areas in the country, are received from time to time from various quarters. Transmitters in Doordarshan network are generally functioning satisfactorily. Faults in the equipment are attended to promptly, as and when these occur. It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to maintain high standards of transmission. All the transmitters in Tamil Nadu are reported to be functioning satisfactorily.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): Construction of Studio building at Madurai has been completed and the Studiois technically ready. Construction of Studio building at Coimbatore is at anadvanced stage of completion and the project is expected to be completed during 2004. Commissioning of above studio centres will depend on availability of requisite staff. Work of the HPT Building at Dharmapuri and Tirunelveli is yet to be awarded. These projects are expected to be completed and commissioned in about two to three years time.