

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1456
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2003
HPT FOR KOKRAJHAR
SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY

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

- (a) whether the competent authority has approved the scheme for setting up a high power transmitter with the provision of production and other facilities;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the funds allocated and released for Kokrajhar DD/AIR along with North East Region during the last five years?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): The scheme for upgradation of the existing LPT at Kokrajhar to HPT is included in the Special Package for North East Region which is yet to be approved by the competent authority. There is no proposal to set up Production facilities at Kokrajhar.

(d): Funds for HPT, Kokrajhar would be allocated after the scheme is approved by the competent authority. An amount of Rs. 221.09 lakhs was allocated for AIR, Kokrajhar during the last five years out of which Rs. 200.20 lakhs were actually released. The amount released / spent by AIR & DD during the last five years for expansion and upgradation of facilities in North East region was Rs. 74.03 crores & Rs. 118.34 crores respectively.