

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

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AIR/DD KENDRAS FOR BODO-TRIBAL AREAS
SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up few more number of new AIR Stations and Doordarshan Kendras in Bodo-Tribal dominated areas within the Bodoland Territory particularly in Indo-Bhutan bordering areas;
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): Schemes of establishment of a high power TV transmitter at Kokrajhar and a very low power TV transmitter at Udalguri in Bodoland territory have been included in the Special package for North-East region. There is, however, no proposal for setting up new AIR Station, as the Bodo-Tribal dominated area and Indo-Bhutan bordering areas are well covered by Radio signals of All India Radio Stations at Kokrajhar, Dhubri and Guwahati in Assam, Silliguri in West Bengal, Gangtok in Sikkim and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.