

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1361  
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005  
DOORDARSHAN STUDIOS IN TAMIL NADU  
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

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

- (a) the number of Doordarshan Studios presently functioning in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Doordarshan Studio at Madurai has started functioning;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the long pending demand of a full-fledged Production-cum-Transmission Unit at Madurai Studio;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (f) whether it is also proposed to open more Doordarshan and FM Studios in Tamil Nadu;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

- (a) : Three Doordarshan Studios are presently functioning in Tamil Nadu.
- (b) and (c) : Yes, Sir. Doordarshan Studio at Madurai was inaugurated on 15th August, 2005.
- (d) and (e) : Some requests have been received for setting up an HPT at Madurai. HPTs (DD1 & DD News) functioning at Kodaikanal provide coverage to most parts of Madurai and other nearby districts. Also, LPT for relay of DD News channel is functioning at Madurai. There is no scheme to set up additional Doordarshan Studios in Tamil Nadu.
- (f) to (h) : Doordarshan has no scheme to set up additional studios in Tamil Nadu, whereas AIR has proposed to set up 10 kW FM transmitter with studios at the following places viz. Dharmapuri (with Studios), Tirunelveli (with stereo facilities), Madurai (with stereo facilities). (1 kW FM as interim set-up commissioned), the implementation of which will depend on availability of funds and staff sanction.