

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1368
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005
UPGRADATION OF AIR STATIONS
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

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

- (a) whether a number of AIR Stations are proposed to be upgraded during the current Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the number of such AIR Stations being upgraded State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to make the broadcasting more effective particularly in the bordering States of the country?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. At 59 places either transmitters are being replaced by higher power transmitters or additional channel has been proposed at the existing stations. State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(c) As part of the J&K Special Plan, AIR has upgraded transmitters at Srinagar & Kathua and set-up new transmitters at Rajouri, Naushera, Khalsi, Kupwara. Further, 1 kW MW transmitter at Diskit, Nyoma, Drass, Tiesuru & Padum and 200 kW MW transmitter at Kargil are technically ready. During the 10th Five Year Plan, eight new FM transmitters are proposed to be set up in the states of Punjab-(2), Gujarat-(1), Rajasthan-(2) and West Bengal-(3) to strengthen the radio coverage in border areas.

Besides, AIR has also proposed a Special Plan for the North Eastern States. However, implementation of all the above mentioned schemes will depend on the availability of funds and sanction of requisite staff.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1368 T O BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2005

State-wise list showing number of AIR Stations proposed for up-gradation during 10th Plan

S. No. State No. of Stations

1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	2
4.	Bihar	2
5.	Chhattisgarh	1
6.	Delhi	1
7.	Gujarat	3
8.	Haryana	2
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1
10.	J & K	1
11.	Jharkhand	1
12.	Karnataka	1
13.	Kerala	2
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1
15.	Maharashtra	5
16.	Manipur	1
17.	Meghalaya	1
18.	Mizoram	1
19.	Nagaland	3
20.	Orissa	3
21.	Punjab	1
22.	Rajasthan	8
23.	Sikkim	1
24.	Tamilnadu	3
25.	Tripura	1
26.	Uttar Pradesh	4
27.	West Bengal	1
	U. T. Pondicherry	1
	L & M Islands	1
	Andaman & Nicobar	1
	Chandigarh	1

