

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

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RADIO AND TV STATION IN UTTAR PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a radio/T.V station in Siddharth Nagar and Azamgarh districts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): All India Radio has informed that Azamgarh and Siddharth Nagar districts of Uttar Pradesh are fully covered by the 100 kW MW transmitters at Gorakhpur and Varanasi. In addition, while most parts of Azamgarh district are covered by 100 kW MW transmitter at Patna, the western part of Siddharth Nagar district is receiving coverage through 300 kW MW transmitter at Lucknow. Keeping in view the adequate coverage, there is no proposal to set up new radio station in Siddharth Nagar and Azamgarh districts.

Further, with the launch of the Doordarshan's Ku band Free-to-Air (Direct-to-Home) transmission service from 16th Dec. 2004, its bouquet comprising, thirty-three T.V. (19 Doordarshan and 14 private channels) besides twelve A.I.R. channels are also available to the viewers/listeners throughout the country (except A&N Islands) which can be received with the help of a small sized dish receive unit) including the aforesaid districts of Uttar Pradesh. There is as such no proposal to set up TV transmitters in the aforesaid two districts.