

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:272

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EXPANSION OF TELECASTING AND BROADCASTING NETWORK

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

(a) whether the Government had fixed any targets for expansion of telecasting and broadcasting network in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the targets have been achieved so far; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken to achieve the targets during the remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 272 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2006 REGARDING EXPANSION OF TELECASTING AND BROADCASTING NETWORK.

(a) to (c): The targets and the detailed achievements thereof are given in Annexure I and II.

(d) : As may be seen, most of the targets set for Doordarshan have been achieved. Similarly, A.I.R. has also achieved the targets to a considerable extent except in the case of FM radio expansion. However, the targets achieved are correlated and inter-dependent upon the sanction of the projects and allocation of resources. Many projects are at different stages of implementation and all out efforts are being made for sticking to the schedule of their completion by 31st March, 2007.

ANNEXURE -I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (c) OF STATEMENT OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 272 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2006 REGARDING EXPANSION OF TELECASTING AND BROADCASTING NETWORK.

A.I.R. NATIONAL COVERAGE TARGETS

National Coverage	Coverage targeted	Coverage existing
under the Tenth Plan	as on 28.02.2006	

A.I.R. Signals	By % area	By % population	By %Area	By % population
Medium Wave and Frequency Modulation (combined)	92.92	99.49	91.42	99.13
F.M. only	36.25	49.75	23.79	34.52

ANNEXURE-II

TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR DOORDARSHAN UNDER THE TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

Targets fixed during the 10th Plan Achievements as on 28.2.2006

- i) Launch of Free-to-air DTH Service Free-to-air DTH Service launched
- ii) New Studio Centres at six places Studio Centres at 5 places have been commissioned. Installation of 6th studio centre is completed.
- iii) DD1 HPTs at 21 places HPTs at 9 places have been completed
- iv) DD News HPTs at 26 places HPTs at 23 places have been commissioned
- v) LPTs/VLPTs at 89 places LPTs/VLPTs at 88 places have been commissioned.

