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INCREASE IN CAPACITY OF DD AND AIR IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been prepared to increase the capacity of Doordarshan Kendras and Akashvani Kendra in hilly States of the country particularly in the hilly districts of Uttaranchal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the action plan?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Schemes for the establishment of Doordarshan Kendras (DDK) (studio centres) with augmented facilities at Dehradun and Leh and in the hilly States of Uttaranchal and J&K have been sanctioned and are under implementation. Besides, augmentation of DDKs. in Srinagar and Jammu is also planned.

As for A.I.R., the following new Radio Stations have been proposed with the capacity of the transmitters [indicated in the brackets] for the State of Uttaranchal :-

- i. Bageshwar - (5 kW FM)
- ii. Champawat - (1kW FM)
- iii. Dehradun - (10 kW FM) besides Captive Earth Station
- iv. Dharchula - (1 kW MW)
- v. Garisen - (1 KW FM)
- vi. Haldwani - (10 kW FM)
- vii. New Tehri - (1kW FM)
- viii. Rudra Prayag - (1kW FM)
- ix. Low Power 100 Watt Relay Transmitters in remote uncovered areas
- x. A Captive Earth Station at Almora.

(c): Low power 100 watt FM Transmitters have been installed at Bacher, Bhatwari, Kaithikhan, Nainital, Rajgarhi, Ranikhet, Pratapnagar and Tanakpur . Captive Earth Station at Almora has been installed and it will be installed at Dehradun when the building gets ready.

Sites have been taken over for radio stations at Bageshwar, Dehradun, Garisen and New Tehri for which the building plans have been finalized. Site for radio station proposed at Haldwani has been finalized and payment has been made, but the site is yet to be handed over by the State Government. Suitable sites for radio stations at Champawat, Dharchula and Rudraprayag have been identified and the State Government is being pursued to hand over the sites. The implementation of these schemes will be subject to availability of resources besides the sanction for the staff required for the operation and maintenance purposes.