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DOORDARSHAN AIR KENDRAS FOR UTTARANCHAL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded approval for setting up of separate Doordarshan and Akashawani Kendras for Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the time by which these centres are likely to be set up and start broadcasting/telecasting their own programmes?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): (i) Doordarshan Kendras : Doordarshan had installed an interim set-up at Dehradun, which is functional since August, 2001. The scheme for the establishment of a permanent Doordarshan Kendra has since been approved and is expected to be completed in about three years' time from now.

(ii) All India Radio stations: A 10 kW F.M. radio station with studio and uplinking facilities is proposed to be set up at Dehradun during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, which will take about three years for installation. Further, six radio stations at Almora, Gopeshwar (Chamoli), Mussoorie, Pithoragarh, Pauri (Garhwal) and Uttarkashi are currently functional in Uttaranchal.

Besides, nine Low Power Transmitters (LPTs.) at Bacher, Bhatwari, Kathikhan, Nainital, Okhimath, Pratap Nagar, Rajgarhi, Ranikhet and Tanakpur have been installed.

In addition, proposals for setting up of eight new Radio Stations at Bagheshwar, Champawat, Dehradun, Dharchula, Gairsain, Haldwani, New Tehri and Rudraprayag have been approved. However, their installation and commissioning will depend on the availability of resources and the manpower requirements.