

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP AND UPGRADATION OF /TV RADIO STATIONS IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of proposals received from Gujarat for setting up and upgradation of TV/AIR stations during the current financial year ;
- (b) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (c) the action taken by the union Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : During the current financial year, no proposal for setting up /upgradation of TV/AIR station in Gujarat has been received. However, during 2005-06, requests were received for setting up of FM radio stations in Gujarat at Amreli, Jamnagar, Junagarh and Mehsana. Under the 10th Five Year Plan Scheme, there is an approved scheme for setting up of 10 kW FM transmitters at Jamnagar and Junagarh at a capital cost of Rs.3.20 crore and 4.05 crore respectively. Under the Private FM Broadcasting Policy (Phase-II), sixteen FM channels have been offered in Gujarat for which auctions have been held recently. The existing coverage of AIR currently accounts for 99% both in terms of area and population in Gujarat. As regards Doordarshan, major TV projects presently under implementation in Gujarat are as under:-

(i) HPT, Radhanpur

(ii) HPTs (DD1 & DD News) at Vadodara

(iii) Replacement of old LPTs at Mehsana, Mangrol (Surat district), Dohad, Jamnagar, Kevadia Colony and Surendernagar by automode Low Power Transmitters. The approved cost of these Projects is Rs.28.99 crore.