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IMPROVEMENT IN DD/AIR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had received proposals/representations from different regions for extension and improvement in services of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, till date;
- (c) the funds sanctioned and utilized in the Tenth Five Year Plan for improvement in services and extension of AIR and Doordarshan, separately; and
- (d) the reasons therefor under utilization of the funds?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : Proposals/representations for extension and improvement of AIR/Doordarshan services are received from time to time from various quarters and these are taken into consideration while formulating Five Year Plans/Annual Plans. These Plans are formulated after taking into account the existing coverage and infrastructural facilities at a given place, extent of resultant coverage, inter-se priorities, availability of resources etc.

(c)&(d) Amount sanctioned/utilized during the 10th Five Year Plan for expansion & improvement of AIR/Doordarshan services are as under:-

All India Radio

Sanctioned Budget	Expenditure (till Oct.'06)
(Rs. in crores)	(Rs. in crores)

185.80	37.87
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Doordarshan
3410.77 2069.53

The sanctioned budget comprises Capital and Revenue grants. The shortfall in Capital expenditure was due to delay in approval of certain schemes and delay in implementation. Consequently there was also shortfall in revenue expenditure as the targeted programme could not be produced.