

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONING OF PRASAR BHARATI
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the locations of units of Prasar Bharati in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether some of such units are not functioning in certain States/ locations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/ location-wise; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) : State-wise locations of Doordarshan Studio centres (64 nos.) & transmitters (1398) and All India Radio Stations (225 nos. comprising 361 transmitters) are given at Annexure – I & II respectively.

(b) to (d) : All the 64 Studio centres in Doordarshan Network are functional. Two additional Studio centres at Calicut (Kerala) and Rajouri (J&K) are technically ready and these are yet to be operationalised. These two Studio centres can be operationalised after the requisite staff is sanctioned and deployed. 53 transmitters, out of total 1398 transmitters in Doordarshan network, are presently relaying partial transmission due to non availability of adequate manpower. Staff for operation & maintenance of a large number of Doordarshan stations has not been sanctioned and these have been operationalised by providing limited staff by way of redeployment. In case of All India Radio all the transmitters/ installations are functional except for 1000 kW MW transmitter at Rajkot which is expected to be replaced by September, 2009 and two 250 kW SW transmitters at Aligarh are shut for want of spares which are expected to be provided by November, 2007.