

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:377
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RADIO TV CONNECTIVITY IN UTTARANCHAL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is aware of inadequacy of, and great demand for, TV connectivity in the remote, mountains regions of Uttaranchal ;
- (b) the extent of TV connectivity at All India level and in Uttaranchal ; (
- (c) the extent of TV connectivity presently available in Districts of Garhwal Pauri, Chamoli and Rudraprayag in the State of Uttaranchal ;
- (d) whether the Government has been receiving requests for additional connectivity in the Districts, from the people`s representatives; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) Fifty four transmitters (HPTs - 2, LPTs-16, VLPTs-34 & Transposers - 2) are presently functioning in the State of Uttaranchal. These transmitters provide TV coverage to about 81.4% of population of Uttaranchal. The present national coverage is about 90.7 %. The coverage figures are inclusive of the population in fringe areas.

(c) District-wise number of transmitters functioning in these districts are as given below:-

District	Number of Transmitters
Garhwal Pauri	9 (LPT-4, VLPT-4, Transposer-1)
Chamoli	6 (VLPT-6)
Rudraprayag	3 (VLPT-3)

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Provision of TV coverage to uncovered areas is now envisaged through satellite transmission in Ku-band. Test transmission in Ku-band with 30 TV channels (17 Doordarshan and 13 Private channels) besides 12 Radio (AIR Channels) is going on. It is possible for the viewers anywhere in the country (except A&N Islands) including those in Uttaranchal to receive DTH signals with help of a small sized dish receive system.