

Title: Regarding upgradation of Doordarshan Kendra facilities in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh Hills and the North-Eastern parts of India.

COL. (RETD.) DR. DHANI RAM SHANDIL : Sir, I want to raise an important issue in this House. This is regarding the upgradation of Doordarshan Kendra facilities across the Northern hills, starting from J&K, Himachal Pradesh, U.P. hills and the North-Eastern parts of India. We see that the Doordarshan Kendras are not doing full justice of service anywhere there. I want to quote the example of Shimla. We see that these are geo-strategic important places and the Damocles sword of nuclear threat, as it is, hanging over our head. If such a threat comes to our head, we must have a very efficient system all across these hills, and this, at the moment, to my mind, is not really efficient because in Shimla, nothing is visible around five kilometres range from the town. The same should be true of all the hills in Himachal Pradesh, J&K, U.P. and North-Eastern areas. My request to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting is to pay particular attention towards this most important aspect because these are all geo-politically important places.