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title: Need to start early operation of FM Radio station and also set up a Doordarshan Kendra at Godda, Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): Santhal pargana region of Jharkhand which has historical importance as the ancient 'Aang Pradesh' ruled by Raja Karn, the famous 'Mandar Parvat' of Samundra Manthan fame is said to be found and the ancient Vikram Shila University was situated at this region. Further, this area borders Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan and, therefore, is susceptible to significant cultural imports which impact the delicate balance in this region. The local culture, the languages, dialect and the overall history of the region deserve close attention of the Government. In order to achieve this, immediate steps are required for:

- (i) Early start and expansion of the capacity of proposed FM relay centre at Godda (Jharkhand);
- (ii) The setting up of 3 FM Radio Broadcast Stations at Deoghar ; and
- (iii) Doordarshan Kendra at Deoghar focused on local programming in the two languages – Aang Bhasha and Santhal Bhasha.

Therefore, this long neglected region of India should have attention to lift it up from backwardness, to a new era. The tools of a Doordarshan Kendra and dedicated FM Radio will go a long way towards this.