

SI. No.	District	No. of DDN Transmitters	No of Air Stations
27.	Thane	1	—
28.	Wardha	3	—
29.	Yavatmal	4	1
	Total	87	20
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Note: Districts indicated above are as per 1991 Census.

**Telecast of Art and Cultural Programmes through Doordarshan in Maharashtra**

586. SHRI SURYA BHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) What is the policy and criteria framed by Government for telecast of art and cultural programmes through Doordarshan in Maharashtra, and since when these programmes are being telecast in different parts of Maharashtra;

(b) whether any new scheme has been introduced by Government in this behalf; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JATLEY): (a) Programme matters of Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati. Prasar Bharati have intimated that it has been the practice of Doordarshan Kendra, Mumbai as well as its relaying centres to telecast cultural programmes of Maharashtra especially during festivals and other important occasions since the very inception of the Kendra in 1972.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.