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#### Doordarshan Kendras

1125. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of very low and high power Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) set up in the country alongwith their transmission capacity, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) whether the transmission capacity of the said DDKs has not been enhanced, so far;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise and location-wise including Mehsana, Surat, Bharuch, Amreli and Rajkot; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to upgrade the transmission capacity of DDKs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) There are, at present, 1416 transmitters of varying power in Doordarshan network. State-wise locations of these transmitters are given at Annexure. [See Appendix 219 Annexure No. 12].

(b) and (c) State-wise locations of the transmitters (including those in Gujarat), transmission capacity of which has been enhanced in the past are given in Statement (see below). As part of the continuing schemes from 10th Plan, projects of upgradation LPTs at Mehboobnagar (Andhra Pradesh) & Bilaspur (Chhatisgarh) to HPTs have also been approved.

(d) The areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission, along with rest of the country, have been provided with multichannel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH services "DD Direct Plus". New transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are, now, not envisaged.

#### Statement

##### Details of TV Transmitters upgraded

State/ UT	LPTs upgraded to HPTs	VLPTs upgraded to HPTs	VLPTs upgraded to LPTs
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur Kurnool Nandyal Rajamundry		Vishakhapatnam

1	2	3	4
	Tirupati Vishakhapatnam Warangal Hyderabad (DD News) Vishakhapatnam (DD News)		
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar		Miao
	Itanagar (DD News)		
Assam	Dibrugarh Guwahati Silchar Kokrajhar Guwahati (DD News) Silchar (DD News)		Haflong
Bihar	Patna Saharasa Patna (DD News)		
Chhattisgarh	Ambikapur Jagdalpur		
Goa	Panaji (DD News)		
Gujarat	Bhuj Dwarka Radhanpur Surat Vadodara Ahmedabad (DD News) Vadodara (DD News)		Devgadh Baria
Harvana	Hissar Hissar (DD News)		
Himachal Pradesh	Dharamshala Shimla Shimla (DD News)		
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu Leh Kathua Jammu (DD News) Srinagar (DD News) Kupwara (Kashir) Srinagar (Kashir)	Kupwara Gurez Tithwal	Rajouri Poonch Udhampur

1	2	3	4
Jharkhand	Jamshedpur		
Karnataka	Dharwad		
	Mangalore		
	Hassan		
	Mysore		
	Raichur		
	Bangalore (DD News)		
	Dharwad (DD News)		
	Mysore (DD News)		
Kerala	Cochin		
	Trivandrum		
	Calicut		
	Calicut (DD News)		
	Trivandrum (DD News)		
	Cochin (DD News)		
	Cannanore (Interim)		
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal		
	Gwalior		
	Indore		
	Jabalpur		
	Shahdol		
	Guna		
	Sagar		
	Chhatarpur		
	Bhopal (DDnews)		
Maharashtra	Aurangabad		Badlapur
	Chandrapur		
	Jalgaon		
	Nagpur (DD News)		
	Ratnagiri		
	Ambajogai (DD News)		
Manipur	Imphal	Churachandpur	
	Imphal (DD News)		
Meghalaya	Shillong		
	Tura		
	Tura (DD News)		
	Shillong (DD News)		
Mizoram	Aizawl	Lunglei	
	Aizawl (DD News)		
Nagaland	Kohima		
	Kohima (DD News)		

1	2	3	4
Orissa	Bhawanipatna Baleshwar Berhampur Sambalpur (DD News)		Bonai Pallahara Patnagarh
Punjab	Bhatinda Fazilka Jalandhar (DD News)		
Rajasthan	Bikaner Bundi Jodhpur Jaipur (DD News) Ajmer Ajmer (DD News)		
Sikkim	Gangtok Gangtok (DD News)		
Tamilnadu	Rameshwaram Kumbakonam Dharmapuri Tirunelveli		Udumalpet Udhagamandalam
Tripura	Agartala Agartala (DD News)		
Uttar Pradesh	Agra Banda Bareilly Faizabad Mau Lakhimpur Lucknow (DD News) Kanpur (DD News) Bareilly (DD News)		
Uttaranchal			Haldwani
West Bengal	Balurghat Kharagpur Krishnanagar Shantiniketan Murshidabad (DD News)		Baghmandi Jhalda
A. & N Islands	Port Blair Port Blair (DD News)		
Dadra & Nagar Haveli			Silvassa
Daman & Diu			Diu
Lakshadweep			Kavaratti
Pudducherry	Pudducherry		Karaikal