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14. M/s. PCM Cement Concrete Pvt. Ltd.
 15. M/s. Purvy Broadcasts Pvt. Ltd.
 16. M/s. Radio Mid-Day West (India) Ltd.
 17. M/s. Digital Radio Broadcasting Ltd.
 18. M/s. Raneka Fincom Pvt. Ltd.
 19. M/s. South Asia FM Ltd.
 20. M/s. D. B. Corp. Ltd.
 21. M/s. Syntech Informatics Pvt. Ltd.
 22. M/s. The Mathrubhumi Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd.
 23. M/s. Shri Puran Multimedia Ltd.
 24. M/s. Sun TV Network Ltd.
 25. M/s. Udaya FM Pvt. Ltd.
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Setting up of new air stations and DD kendras

4094. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up/proposed to set up new All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras in the country;

(b) if so, the number of posts sanctioned, filled and vacant for operation and maintenance of these units; and

(c) the details of operational cost for running a Doordarshan Kendra and / or a radio stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that three new Doordarshan Kendras (Studio Centres) envisaged under 11th Plan have been set up at Rajouri, Calicut and Tirupati.

As regards All India Radio, presently, 276 All India Radio stations are already functional across the country.

62 Nos. of new Akashwani Kendras have been set up during the last three years and the current year. In addition, new Stations are being set up at 225 places in the country.

A proposal for setting up of new AIR stations at 278 more places in the country have been made in the 12th Plan, however it would depend upon the allocation of funds and approval by Planning Commission, which is awaited.

(b) Staff for operation & maintenance of above Doordarshan Kendras has not been sanctioned. The above Doordarshan Kendras have been operationalized by deploying limited staff drawn from other Doordarshan centres in the network

As regards All India Radio, so far, no posts have been sanctioned for the new stations already set up for the last ten years or being set up currently in the country.

Total 2183 Nos. of new posts in all three wings – Engineering, Programme and Administration, have been proposed to be created for Operation and Maintenance (O & M) of 104 new Projects/stations of AIR approved under 9th, 10th and 11th Five Year Plans.

The consolidated proposal for creation of 2183 posts was approved in the 104th Meeting of Prasar Bharati Board held on 06.09.2011 and was sent to Ministry of I & B on 05.10.2011. The proposal is under process in the Ministry as per the laid down procedures for creation of posts.

(c) Operational cost of running a Doordarshan Kendra is dependent upon the infrastructure, technical facilities available at the Kendra, programme activities and the complement of staff deployed. Present cost of running a Doordarshan Kendra (small Studio centre & transmitter) similar to the above mentioned Kendras is about Rs. 3.5 to 5 crore per annum.

As regards All India Radio, the operational cost for running a typical a radio stations is as below:

Sl. No.	Type of AIR Station	Approximate Annual Operational Cost (Rs. crores)
1.	Metro Station	26.00
2.	State Capital Station	15.00
3.	Local FM Radio Station	1.50
4.	FM Radio Stations (Relay)	0.60