

Shillong and Lucknow. These institutes cater to the training requirement of engineering personnel in different fields of broadcasting and management. Training courses are also conducted at IIT Kanpur, IIM Shillong and certain other outside institutes. In addition training is provided by the Equipment manufacturers at their works/ Doordarshan sites.

Doordarshan has already established in-house training facilities at Lucknow and at various Staff Training Institutes (programme) of All India Radio and also sends its employees for training to various national and international training institutes like Film and Television Institute of India, Pune and AIBD (Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development), Kuala Lumpur.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to set up broadcasting training facilities under private partnership models.

Digitisation of cable television

3015. Dr. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the digitisation of cable television has been completed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of targets reached;
- (c) the reasons for non-completion;
- (d) whether Government has any idea of postponing the deadline in view of the fact that completion is still in the midway; and
- (e) the stand of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI) : (a) to (e) The Ministry *vide* its notification S.O. No. 2534(E), dated 11.11.2011 has notified dates for implementation of DAS in four phases in the entire country by December, 2014. The first phase of DAS was to cover the 4 metros of Delhi, Mumbai Kolkata and Chennai. DAS was implemented in 3 out of the planned 4 metros of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata by the mandated time line of 31st October, 2012. In Chennai the matter is sub-judice in the High Court of Madras. Phase II of digitization was completed in 38 cities by 31st March, 2013. As per the data provided by the industry, about 88% of digitization has already been achieved. However, in some States, the matter is *sub-judice*. All other

urban areas (Municipal Corporations/Municipalities) are proposed to undertake digital transition by 30th September, 2014 and rest of India by 31st December, 2014. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to postpone the deadline.

FM radio services

3016. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing locations from where FM radio services are being operated in the country;
- (b) the number of proposals received for opening of FM radio stations during each of the last three years, location-wise;
- (c) the details of proposals cleared and rejected along with the locations thereof; and
- (d) the locations from where Government proposes to operate FM radio services during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI) : (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that presently FM Stations of All India Radio (AIR) are functional at 323 places in the country. In addition, 242 private FM radio stations are functioning in the country under the Policy for expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting Services through private agencies.

(b) and (c) A total of 107 proposals/requests have been received for opening of AIR FM Radio Stations at 97 places during the last three years as per details given below:

Year	Nos. of places for which request received	No. of places where FM transmitters already approved/ made functional	No. of places where FM transmitters are being considered under Twelfth Plan	No. of places where FM transmitters will be considered in future plans
2010-11	34	15	10	9
2011-12	54	18	16	20
2012-13	19	5	6	8