

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1499
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021)**

SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT IN AIR STATION AND DDK

1499: SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to restore normal operations of the All India Radio (AIR) Station and Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) in Bhawanipatna of Kalahandi District; and
- (b) whether currently, there is an acute shortage of both manpower and equipment in the AIR Station and DDK in Bhawanipatna?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS [SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR]**

(a): All India Radio Station (AIR) service originating from Bhawanipatna and Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) in Bhawanipatna are functioning normally.

The AIR service originating from Bhawanipatna is available in multiple modes as under:

- on 1206 KHz in MW
- on 100.3 MHz in FM
- on “NewsOnAir” mobile app for “Android” and “iOS” platform
- on newsonair.com website globally.

DDK Bhawanipatna is contributing programmes for a 24X7 “DD Odia” channel being uplinked from DDK Bhubaneswar. “DD Odia” channel is a mandatory channel to be carried by the Cable and DTH platforms across the country. Content is also available for digital viewing through a dedicated YouTube channel for DD Odia.

(b): The manpower and equipment at AIR Station and DDK in Bhawanipatna are meeting current needs. Further, on-air talent and other functional requirements for the DD and AIR services originating from Bhawanipatna are met locally, through approved norms for the same, on need-basis.
