

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3273
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022)**

CLOSURE OF POWER TRANSMITTERS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

3273. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a) whether all the High Power transmitters (HPT), Low Power Transmitters (LPT) in the North Eastern Region particularly in Assam are permanently closed;
- (b) if so, the number of such Transmitters closed, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Prasar Bharati is re-deploying the permanent staff working in those Transmitters, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any contractual employees were also working in those Transmitters prior to closure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) & (b) In view of emerging trends in Broadcasting and availability of “DD FreeDish”, a free-to-air Direct to Home (DTH) Service of Prasar Bharati in the country, carrying more than 150 TV channels including 51 educational channels free of cost without any monthly subscription, the Analogue Terrestrial TV (ATT) Transmitters of Doordarshan carrying only one channel have lost their relevance and have become obsolete. The signals of “DD FreeDish” can be received in the country with the help of small sized low cost dish receive units. Accordingly, Prasar Bharati has decided to phase out the obsolete ATTs. 84 Doordarshan ATTs located in the North Eastern Region including in the state of Assam have been closed.

(c) Re-skilling and re-deployment of the permanent staff working in these closed installations is done by Prasar Bharati on operational need basis.

(d) & (e) No, Sir.
