

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.555
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022)**

BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

555. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- (a) whether any projects or schemes have been initiated under 'Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development';
- (b) if so, the details thereof with special emphasis on total funds sanctioned, allocated, and spent for such schemes under 'Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development' and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any sanctioned fund, allotted under Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development has lapsed, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) The "Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development" (BIND) is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and it is the only vehicle for providing Governmental support to Prasar Bharati for expenses related to expansion and upgradation of its broadcasting infrastructure, content development and civil work related to the organization. The major components of the scheme include Augmentation and Replacement of transmitters and Broadcast equipment, Digitalization of studios, coverage in sensitive areas, broadcasting on alternate platform, expansion of DTH and High Definition TV channels etc.

The details of funds allocated and expenditure under the BIND Scheme for previous 3 years is given as under :

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Financial Year	Funds allocated	Funds spent
2019-20	235.40	289.02*
2020-21	183.03	201.65*
2021-22	175.00	161.60
Total	593.43	652.27

* Including unspent balance of previous year.
