

ARTEE Delegation met DG DD in Chennai on LPT Closure Issue

Today (29.01.18) ARTEE delegation lead by Shri M G Harikrishnan Nair (AGS AIR ,SZ) met DG DD at DDK Chennai. the following points were raised in the meeting.

1. Analogue Terrestrial Transmission of Doordarshan should be continued till completion of complete digital switch over as done in other countries.
2. The DTT list and closure list of LPTs are prepared without any proper analysis.
3. Many LPTs are in own buildings or low rent government building, so there will not be any savings.
4. The financial outlay incurred in closure is much high than the savings.
5. There is large displacement of staff. We requested DG to think as one among us.
6. There should be efforts to better the content and PGFs have to be strengthened by posting sufficient programme staff.
7. Engineers can be deployed for works related to Social Media etc.

A representation was submitted and explained with examples of LPTs and PGFs. DG gave a patient hearing and assured to consider our viewpoints. Later We met Shri. Rajiv Sinha Member Convenor IDC and discussed the issue. He assured us to put our views in the IDC Meeting, He assured us that installations in own buildings will not be closed . We particularly pointed out that even the proposed DTTs will not cover the areas now covered by Analog transmitters.

Prior to the meetings, we had discussions with programme heads of various Kendra and PGF in order to present a comprehensive view .

Shri K Ravindran, Shri Raj, Shri Harilal, Shri Muthukumar and Shri P R Manikandan were part of the ARTEE delegation.

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