

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1339  
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PART TIME TV RELAY STATION/RADIO STATION IN TAMILNADU  
PON RADHAKRISHNAN

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any progress has been made to convert part time TV Relay Station at Marthandam in Kanyakumari District to full time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Nagucoil Radio Station is functioning as full time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which it is likely to be converted into full time station?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) & (b) : Partial relay is resorted to due to shortage of adequate staff to operate the station on full time basis. The Government has recently finalised ad-hoc staffing norms and a staff redeployment plan for Doordarshan which will enable PrasarBharati to start full transmission from LPT Marthandam.
- (c) & (d) : The Local Radio Station at Nagarcoil broadcasts its programmes from 3.00 PM to 9.15 PM.
- (f) : The staff provided for the Station is enough only for single transmission. As in the case of Doordarshan, revised staffing norms (ad-hoc) have been framed for AIR and accordingly a plan for redeployment of staff is in the offing. The station will be made to function at full time (three transmissions daily) as and when redeployed staff members assume their duties at the station.