

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

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F. M. RADIO STATION .
C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN

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

- (a) the number of F.M. Radio stations which are working in the country at present, State- wise;
- (b) the number of new F. M. Radio-stations are proposed to be opened during the next year, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any agency to check the norms and rules for the said stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) : 107 Radio Stations of All India Radio with FM broadcast facility are operational in the country at present. Statewise details are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) : New FM Radio-Stations being installed by All India Radio at 29 locations are expected to be commissioned during the next year i.e. 2000-2001. Statewise details are given in Annexure-II. In addition, 100% Indian owned private companies are proposed to be given licences to set up 108 FM Radio Stations in 40 cities. Location wise details are at Annexure-III.
- (c) & (d) : The Radio Stations of AIR are governed by a programme code and advertisement code and will function under the overall supervision of Prasar Bharati Board. The Private FM Broadcasters would also adhere to the said codes. The functioning of the Private Broadcasters shall be monitored by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Wireless Policy co-ordination Wing of the Ministry of Communication.