

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

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SETTING UP OF AIR CENTRES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the numbers and names of Radio Centres are functioning in Orissa at present;
- (b) the names of places, identified for setting up of new Radio Centres in the State during the next financial year;
- (c) whether the Government decided to make the Soro Radio Centre functional in the near future;
- (d) if so, the time by which the said centre to be functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a): At present there are 11 Radio Centres at Cuttack, Jeypore, Sambalpore, Keonjhar, Baripada, Berhampur, Bolangir, Bhawanipatna, Rourkela, Puri and Joranda, functioning in the State of Orissa.
- (b): 4 (Four) New Radio Centres of AIR at Bhubaneswar, Deogarh, Raygada and Rairangapur, have been proposed during the 10th Five Year Plan.
- (c) & (d) : The Radio Station at Soro will be functional as soon as the staff is available for which efforts are being made.