

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF AIR IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have undertaken expansion of AIR network in the North Eastern States ;
- (b) if so, the projects undertaken/to be undertaken under the said programme in Assam particularly in the Karbi, Anglong and North Cachar regions of Assam; and
- (c) the time by which the proposed AIR stations likely to be expanded?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The following AIR projects are proposed to be implemented in Assam during the 10th Five Year Plan:-

- (i) Jorhat - 10 KW FM Transmitter
- (ii) Silchar - 5 KW FM Tr and Refurbishing of Studios
- (iii) Karimganj - 1 KW FM Tr.
- (iv) Lumding - 1 KW FM Tr.
- (v) Golpara - 1 KW FM Tr.
- (vi) Guwahati - Upgradation of existing uplink facility to Digital mode

Proposed FM Transmitter at Lumding will cover some of the uncovered areas of Karbi district also.