

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

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BIDDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FM STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to invite bidding to establish 300 FM Stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that at present only 21 of the 108 FM frequencies put up for bidding are operational;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make all FM frequencies operational; and
- (e) the loss suffered by the Government by way of non-functional of all FM frequencies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) & (b) More than 300 private FM radio channels at 90 locations across the country are envisaged to be set up in Phase II of private FM radio broadcasting.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The unutilized frequencies of Phase I are envisaged to be utilized in Phase II of private FM radio broadcasting.
- (e) The revenue realized in the 1st year as license fee for 25 stations at Rs. 11007.50 lakhs was more than the anticipated revenue of Rs. 7540 lakhs from 108 stations.