

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1317
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005
PRIVATE FM RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Private FM Radio Stations functioning at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of such stations opened during each of last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more such FM Radio Stations in different Universities;
- (d) if so, the details, locations-wise; and
- (e) The time by which these FM Radio Stations are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

- (a) 21 Private FM Radio stations are currently operational in 12 cities as per the following details:

States/UT	No. of Stations	No. of cities
Tamil Nadu	4	3
Maharashtra	5	2
Gujarat	1	1
Karnataka	1	1
Andhra Pradesh	1	1
West Bengal	4	1
Uttar Pradesh	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	1
Delhi	3	1

- (b) 22 stations were operationalised in 123 cities on the dates indicated against each:

(c), (d) & (e) The Government has also permitted Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) to set up FM Radio Station at 40 cities of which 17 have so far been operationalized. A statement showing locations of allocated operationalized channels is at Annexure. IGNOU has been given time upto June, 2007 to operationalize the remaining stations.

Besides, the Government, in December, 2002, announced a scheme for the grant of licenses to educational institutions including universities and IITs/IIMs for setting up Community Radio Stations. Under the Scheme following institutions have set up Community Radio Stations: 1. Anna University, Chennai, 2. Sri Manakula Vinayagar Engg. College, Pondicherry, 3. India International Instt.of Management, Jaipur, 4. Kongu Engg. College, Erode, 5. MOP Vaishna College of Women, Chennai, 6. Sunbeam English School, Varanasi, 7. Vidya Pratisthan's Instt. Of Information Technology, Baramati, Pune, 8. City Montessori School, Lucknow, 9. Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, 10. AJK Mass Communication, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, 11. Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Banasthali, 12. P.G. College, Ghazipur, 13. Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, 14. Erode Sengunthar Engg. College, Erode, 15. Pune University, Pune.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c), (d) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1317 FOR 01.012.2005

LOCATION OF ALLOTTED AND OPERATIONALISED CHANNELS OF INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

Sl. No.	Location of Channels	Whether Operatinalised
1	Jaipur	
2	Cuttack	
3	Coimbatore	Yes
4	Tirunelveli	
5	Kanpur	
6	Bhopal	Yes

7	Trichy		
8	Jabalpur	Yes	
9	Aurangabad		
10	Varanasi	Yes	
11	Trivandrum		
12	Mysore	Yes	
13	Kolkata	Yes	
14	Chennai	Yes	
15	Ahmedbad		
16	Chandigarh		
17	Shillong	Yes	
18	Delhi	Yes	
19	Mumbai	Yes	
20	Lucknow	Yes	
21	Bhubaneshwar		
22	Cochin		
23	Pune		
24	Jalandhar		
25	Patna		
26	Raipur	Yes	
27	Vishakhapatnam	Yes	
28	Indore		
29	Jamnagar		
30	Agra		
31	Allahabad	Yes	
32	Bangalore	Yes	
33	Hyderabad	Yes	
34	Madurai		
35	Ludhiana		
36	Guwahati	Yes	
37	Nagpur		
38	Panaji		
39	Rajkot		
40	Srinagar		