

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1451

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FM RADIO

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

- (a) the present status of the second phase of FM Radio;
- (b) the number of additional frequencies likely to be allocated, State-wise; (
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include all parts of the country in any one of the FM channels;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the second phase of FM Radio is likely to be broadcasted?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Pursuant to the notification of policy for private FM radio (Phase II), the Government has, on 21.09.2005, invited pre-qualification bids from Indian companies for setting up 338 radio stations in 91 cities across the country. The state-wise details of locations and number of stations are placed at Annexure.

The Government has also notified the time table of financial bidding for various cities, which has been scheduled for January/February, 2006. The qualified companies would be eligible to participate in the financial bidding process. The successful bidders, after obtaining Letter of Intent, would need to complete various formalities within a maximum period of nine months, upon which they would enter into an agreement titled, "Grant of Permission Agreement" with the Government. The parties would then be required to operationalize the station within one year and latest by 18 months from the date of agreement.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1451 FOR 01.12.2005  
STATE/UT WISE DETAILS OF LOCATION OF FM CHANNELS FOR PHASE II.

S.No. Name of State/UT City Category No. of available Channels

1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	A	7
		Vijayawada	B	2
		Vishakapatnam	B	3
		Rajamundri	C	4
		Tirupati	C	2
		Warangal	C	4
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	D	4
3	Assam	Guwahati	C	4
4	Bihar	Patna	B	4
		Muzzafarpur	C	4
5	Chatisgarh	Bilaspur	C	4
		Raipur	C	4
6	Goa	Panaji	D	3
7	Gujarat	Surat	A	4
		Ahmedabad	A	5
		Rajkot	B	3
		Vadodra	B	4
8	Haryana	Hissar	D	4
		Karnal	D	2
9	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	D	4
10	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	C	4
		Jammu	C	3
11	Jharkhand	Ranchi	C	4
		Jamshedpur	B	4

S.No. Name of State/UT City Category No. of available Channels

12 Karnataka Bangalore A 7  
Gulbarga C 4  
Mangalore C 4  
Mysore C 4  
13 Kerala Thiruvana- C 4  
nthapuram  
Cochin B 3  
Kozhikod C 2  
Trissur C 4  
Kannur C 4  
14 Madhya Pradesh Sagar C 4  
Bhopal B 4  
Indore B 3  
Jabalpur B 4  
Gwalior C 4  
15 Maharashtra Sholapur C 3  
Mumbai A+ 5  
Pune A 3  
Nagpur A 6  
Ahmednagar C 3  
Dhule C 2  
Jalgaon C 4  
Kolhapur C 2  
Nanded C 4  
Nasik C 2  
Sangali C 2  
Akola C 4  
Aurangabad C 3  
16 Manipur Imphal D 4

S.No. Name of State/UT City Category No. of available Channels

17 Meghalaya Shillong D 4  
18 Mizoram Aizwal D 4  
19 Nagaland Kohima D 4  
20 Orissa Rourkela C 4  
Bhubneshwar/ C 4  
Cuttack  
21 Punjab Amritsar B 4  
Jalandhar C 4  
Patiala C 4  
22 Rajasthan Jaipur A 5  
Ajmer C 4  
Jodhpur C 4  
Bikaner C 4  
Kota C 4  
Udaipur C 4  
23 Sikkam Gangtok D 4  
24 Tamil Nadu Chennai A+ 6  
Tiruchy C 4  
Tirunelveli C 3  
Tuticorin C 4  
Coimbatore B 3  
Madurai B 3  
25 Tripura Agartala D 4  
26 Uttar Pradesh Lucknow A 2  
Kanpur A 3  
Agra B 3  
Allahabad B 4  
Varanasi B 4  
Aligarh C 2

S.No. Name of State/UT City Category No. of available Channels

Barelily C 4  
Gorakhpur C 4  
Jhansi C 4

27	West Bengal	Kolkatta	A+	5
	Asansol	B	2	
	Siliguri	C	4	
28	Delhi	Delhi	A+	6
29	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	C	2
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Port Blair	D	4
31	Daman & Diu	Daman	D	2
32	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	C	3
	Total	91		338