

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RADIO PROGRAMME FOR TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of broadcasting channels and the time slots allotted to each programme, channel-wise in respect of All India Radio(AIR), Imphal;
- (b) the criteria for allotment of radio programme to the tribal communities in various AIR stations in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to install FM radio station in all District Headquarters of Manipur;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Prasar Bharati, AIR has informed that at present, AIR, Imphal has two broadcasting channels viz. Primary Channel and FM Channel. The timing of transmissions of these channels are as follows:

I. Primary channel has three transmissions

- i) 0600 – 0930 hrs. : Transmission-I (on Sundays upto 1010 hrs.)
- ii) 1215 – 1530 hrs. : Transmission-II
- iii) 1600 –2230 hrs. : Transmission-III (2300 hrs. on Saturday)

II. FM Channel relaying Vividh Bharati from 1100 hrs. to 1600 hrs. as an entertainment channel.

AIR, Imphal broadcast News, Music and spoken word programmes daily mainly in Manipuri language in six major dialects viz. Hmar, Pite, Kabui, Thadoi, Mao and Tangkhu of the State. Music programmes are broadcast for 22 minor dialects for 15 minutes each on rotation basis. Details of the programmes broadcast per month from AIR, Imphal are:

- 1. Spoken Word - 170 hrs 25 mts.
- 2. News - 88 hrs. 40 mts.
- 3. Music - 384 hrs. 11 mts.
- 4. Drama/feature - 7 hrs.

(b): AIR broadcasts programmes proportionate to linguistic composition of the listening audience in the broadcast zone.

(c) No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): All India Radio has informed that there is a proposal to set-up some more new radio stations in Manipur during the Xth Plan period.