

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

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UPGRADATION OF RADIO STATIONS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Orissa has made a proposal for upgradation of radio stations in the State particularly at Berhampur in Ganjam District and Sambalpur to enable the Oriya speaking population of the adjoining areas to listen to the Oriya programmes;
- (b) whether some of the LPTs in the State are not functioning properly on account of shortage of staff; (
- (c) if so, whether the Centre has taken appropriate action in the matter to upgrade the radio station and fill up the vacant posts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time-frame within which it would be done?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b): All the LPTs in Orissa are reported to be functioning properly with the exception of one LPT which is relaying partial transmission due to non availability of adequate staff.

(c), (d) & (e): 20 kW MW Radio Station at AIR Sambalpur has been upgraded to 100 kW MW Station on 14.07.1998 to provide adequate radio coverage in Sambalpur and adjoining areas comprising major parts of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Sonapur, Bolangir and Boudh districts. It also provides coverage in parts of Bilaspur, Saraipalli, Raigarh and Ambikapur districts of Chhattisgarh. Necessary action has already been taken to fill-up the vacant posts as per guidelines.