

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COVERAGE OF FM STATION IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of FM stations in Maharashtra and other states alongwith the percentage of area covered by FM radio station in the State;
- (b) the details of proposals received to extend FM coverage to other areas of Maharashtra and other states during each of the last three years and till date; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) 170 FM Transmitters of All India Radio (AIR) including 16 in Maharashtra are working in the country. AIR FM Coverage in the State of Maharashtra is 24.3% by area and 44.15% by population. As regards private FM, 211 radio channels have been operationalised including 23 channels in Maharashtra.

(b) & (c) Proposals to extend FM coverage are received from time to time from various quarters and these are taken into consideration while formulating the plans for expansion of FM service of All India Radio. On the basis of such proposals, the Government has approved 65 AIR FM Transmitters countrywide and 100 numbers of 100 W AIR FM Transmitters in the North- East.