

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

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FM STATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of FM stations in Maharashtra along with the percentage area of the State covered by FM broadcasting;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to extend FM coverage to other areas;
- (c) if so, whether any proposal has been received in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) At present, there are 16 Government AIR FM radio stations running in the State of Maharashtra. AIR FM signals cover 24.3% of the area and 44.15% of the population in Maharashtra. Besides, under Phase II of private FM radio broadcasting, 31 channels have been operationalized in Maharashtra.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. FM stations at Sholapur, Amravati and Oras under spillover scheme of X Plan have been approved.