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COVERAGE OF FM SERVICE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage area of the country covered under FM broadcasting service, State-wise including Karnataka;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps for extending such services in those cities presently not covered by FM broadcasting; and (
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) At present 24.68% area of the country is covered by FM broadcasting service of AIR. State-wise coverage, including Karnataka, is enclosed as Annexure. Details of the area covered by Private FM service is not available with this Ministry.

(b) & (c) FM broadcasting service of All India Radio is already being provided from 172 transmitters. Apart from this 196 more new FM transmitters of AIR at various places in the country have been approved for extending such services. Coverage will be extended to 278 cities and towns in the third phase of FM Radio.