

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:176  
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2010  
FM COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS  
Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausahab

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand community broadcasting in the country for promoting elementary education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the States which have sent proposals to the Government to start community radio stations including FM Community Radio Stations; and
- (d) the time by which such Stations are likely to commence services in the said States? ANSWER

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 176 FOR 09.03.2010

(a) & (b) In order to allow greater participation by the civil society on issues relating to development and social change, Government has formulated a Policy on Community Radio whereby Educational Institutions, 'Non-profit' organizations like civil society and voluntary organizations, State Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Registered Societies and autonomous Bodies and Public Trusts registered under Societies Act or any other such act relevant for the purpose, can apply for grant of permission to set up Community radio Stations subject to fulfillment of the conditions laid down in the Policy guidelines. The details are available in this Ministry's website: [www.mib.nic.in](http://www.mib.nic.in). This policy enables eligible applicants to expand community broadcasting for promoting elementary education amongst other subjects.

(c) Does not arise. State Governments are not eligible to apply under Community radio Policy.

(d) Does not arise.