

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

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FUNCTIONING OF AIR IN RAJGARH
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Akashvani Kendra in Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh is functioning as a relay centre only and is not broadcasting live programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start live telecasting of programmes from the said kendra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be started; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati have informed that AIR, Rajgarh is equipped with a 3KW FM Transmitter and a studio. The studio is functioning as a relay centre since 23.6.2005 by arranging O&M staff from nearby Stations. AIR, Rajgarh relays programme of Vividh Bharati Service from 5.55 AM to 10.05 AM. AIR, Bhopal is controlling over AIR, Rajgarh.
- (c) to (e): The Station will be fully operationalized after providing for sufficient Operational and Maintenance staff.