

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

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FUNCTIONING OF FM CHANNELS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of FM radio stations functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number of new FM radio stations proposed to be opened during the 11th Five Year Plan, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the functioning of FM radio stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Presently 163 FM radio stations are functioning in the country. Details are given as Annexure-I. The state-wise details of 248 private FM radio stations functional in the country are given in Annexure-II.
- (b) 196 new AIR FM Stations, including 145 nos. of 100 Watt FM Transmitters have been approved under 10th Plan and continuing in 11th Plan. Details are given as Annexure-III.
- (c) & (d) The AIR FM Stations are operated and maintained by the sanctioned staff of AIR and their functioning is being monitored by respective station/ Zonal office. As regards private FM Stations, Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd. (BECIL), a Central Public Sector Undertaking has been entrusted with the job of monitoring the broadcast.