

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

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NEWS ON FM CHANNELS

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

- (a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended to allow broadcasting of news and current affairs on private FM radio channels;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has accepted the recommendations made by TRAI;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has devised any strategy to monitor the proposed news broadcasting by the FM radio channels; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which news and current affairs are likely to be broadcast through FM radio channel?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government and the guidelines are under finalization.
- (c) to (e) Do not arise.