

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1402
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COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of Community Radio Stations (CRS) presently functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of applications received from various organizations including educational institutions for setting up of CRS in the country;
- (c) the status of such applications;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to educational institutions and other organizations for setting up of CRS; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) 71 Community Radio Stations (CRS) are presently functioning in the country. State-wise details are at Annexure.
- (b) 727 applications have been received from various organisations for setting up of CRS in the country which includes 264 applications from educational institutions.
- (c) (i) Letter of Intent Issued = 233
- (ii) Grant of Permission Agreements signed (GOPA) = 102
- (iii) Operational Community Radio Stations = 71
- (iv) Rejected = 105
- (v) Applications under process = 389
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.