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COVERAGE OF FM RADIO
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government earns any revenue from FM Radio;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the number of districts of the country covered by FM Radio network at present, State-wise;
- (d) the estimated expenditure incurred to set up a FM Radio station; and
- (e) the reasons for non-coverage of certain districts of the country by FM services and the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): State wise revenues earned by AIR FM Radio is given at Annexure-I and the revenue earned by the Government from the permission holders for operation of Private FM radio Service is given at Annexure-II.
- (c): State-wise details of FM Service of AIR is given at Annexure -III and details of Private FM Radio Service is given at Annexure-IV.
- (d) : The estimated average cost of setting up of a FM Radio Stations depends on the power of transmitter and other technical parameters. However the estimated average cost of setting up of a typical 10 KW FM Radio Stations with Studio facilities is Rs 7.0 crores. Government does not incur any expenditure on setting up of Private FM Radio Stations.
- (e): Coverage Area of FM radio services is being increased in a phased manner depending on allocation of plan funds.

To increase the FM AIR coverage in the country, 348 nos. of new transmitters of various capacities are being installed throughout the country.

Also the power of 16 FM transmitters of AIR is being increased. These schemes are currently under implementation and after completion, 126 more districts will have fully/partly FM AIR coverage. In addition to this Private FM Radio services is expected to cover 302 cities on implementation of the proposed policy for expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting through Private agencies in Phase-III.