

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FM CHANNELS

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

- (a) whether there are any impediment to rollout of FM services in the country including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the present status for commissioning of FM radio stations in various parts of the country including Karnataka, State-wise and location-wise;
- (d) the number of FM stations likely to be set up in the country under the FM Phase-III, State-wise and location-wise; and
- (e) the time by which new FM stations are likely to be operational under the FM Phase-III?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING(SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) All India Radio is commissioning 320 FM radio stations in the country.They are at various stages of implementation. Details are in Annexure-I.
- (d) It is proposed to set up 806 Private FM Radio Stations under Phase-III.Details are in Annexure-II .
- e) Policy guidelines are under the consideration of the Government.