

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

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FM RADIO STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up FM Radio Stations in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether FM Radio broadcasters have requested the Government to permit broadcasting of news on FM radio; and
- (d) If so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. 193 new All India Radio (AIR) FM Stations including 145 number of 100 Watt AIR FM Transmitters as part of 10th Plan have been approved under 11th Plan. Details are given at Annexure. As regards private FM, the policy for FM Phase-III is under consideration for extension of FM Radio services through private agencies in other parts of the country including Karnataka. The details are yet to be finalized.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. In this regard Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has sent their recommendations on Phase-III of FM radio expansion through private agencies and these are under consideration of the Government.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTs (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3283 FOR ANSWER ON 28-07-2009.

New Stations of 10th Plan continued in 11th Plan

S.No State

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| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 4 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 5 |
| 3. | Assam | 3 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 1 |
| 5. | Jharkhand | 1 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 7. | Maharashtra | 2 |
| 8. | Manipur | 3 |
| 9. | Meghalaya | 1 |
| 10. | Mizoram | 3 |
| 11. | Nagaland | 3 |
| 12. | Orissa | 1 |
| 13. | Punjab | 2 |
| 14. | Rajasthan | 1 |
| 15. | Tripura | 3 |
| 16. | Uttar Pradesh | 4 |
| 17. | Uttarakhand | 6 |
| 18. | West Bengal | 4 |
| 19. | 145 FM transmitters | |
| | (100 Nos in North East Region and 45 in rest of the country)#. | |
| | One number of 100 Watt FM Transmitter in Sringeri (Karnataka). | |
| | Total | 193 |

49 nos. of 100 Watt FM stations in North-East & 45 nos. of 100 Watt FM Transmitters in rest of the country are technically ready.

Note: Churachandpur, Rairangpur and Oras are technically ready.