

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4266

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CORRESPONDENCE IN AIR

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

- (a) the number of correspondents appointed permanently in various All India Radio (AIR) Stations of the country including Gujarat, State-wise and AIR Station-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to broadcast the regional news from Vadodara, Rajkot and Godhara AIR Stations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to commence?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (SH. C . M. JATUA)

(a) Officers of Indian Information Service (IIS) Group'B'Senior Grade are posted as Correspondent/ News Reporter in various Regional News Units (RNUs) at AIR Stations. Out of 45 sanctioned posts of Correspondents/News Reporters, 23 are in position with about 50% vacancy at various AIR Stations (details enclosed at annexure)

(b) & (c) The regional news bulletins originating from AIR, Ahmedabad are relayed by Vadodara, Rajkot and Godhara AIR Stations. Five headline bulletins of 2-minute each produced by Regional News Unit (RNU) Ahmedabad are also broadcast by AIR, Vadodara. However, in the 11th Plan SFC Proposal, it is proposed to start a Regional News Unit (RNU) at Rajkot in Gujarat, on approval of which regional news can be produced and broadcast from there. NSD has no plans to start Regional News bulletins from Vadodara and Godhara, AIR Stations at present.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE AS REFERREED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4266 FOR 4.8.2009.

Correspondents/ News Reporter appointed permanently in various All India Radio Stations

Sl.No. State/Station Correspondents Comments
Sanc- In Pos-
tioned ition

ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Hyderabad 1 1
2. Vishakhapatnam 0 1
3. Vijayawada 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

4. Port Blair 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

5. Itanagar 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

ASSAM

6. Dibrugarh 1 1

7. Guwahati 1 0 Assistant Director (News) Doordarshan holding additional charge of AIR Correspondent

8. Silchar 1 0 Assistant Director (News) also working as Correspondent

BIHAR

9. Patna 1 1

CHATTISGARH

10. Raipur 0 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

DELHI

11. Delhi 0 - 4 Officers from Editorial work shifted to work as correspondents

GOA

12. Panaji 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

GUJARAT

13. Ahmedabad 1 1

14. Bhuj 1 0 Assistant Director (News) AIR Bhuj holding additional charge.
HARYANA & PUNJAB

15. Chandigarh 1 1

16. Jalandhar 1 1

17. Rohtak 1 0

18. Patiala 1 0

HIMACHAL PRADESH

19. Shimla 1 1

JAMMU & KASHMIR

20. Jammu 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

21. Leh 1 0 Assistant Director (News) also working as Correspondent

22. Srinagar 0 0 Assistant Director (DFP) doing work of Correspondent
AIR also.
JHARKHAND

23. Ranchi 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

KARNATAKA

24. Bangalore 1 1

25. Dharwad 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

Kerala

26. Kozhikode 1 1

27. Thiruvananthapuram 0 0 News Editor also working as Correspondent

28. Kochi 1 1

Madhya Pradesh

29. Bhopal 1 1

30. Indore 1 0 Assistant Director (News) also working as Correspondent.

MAHARASHTRA

31. Aurangabad 1 1

32. Mumbai 0 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

33. Nagpur 1 1

34. Pune 0 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

MANIPUR

35. Imphal 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

MEGHALAYA

36. Shillong 1 1

MIZORAM

37. Aizwal 1 0

NAGALAND

38. Kohima 0 0

ORISSA

39. Bhubneshwar 1 0 Assistant Director (News) Doordarshan holding
additional charge of AIR Correspondent

40. Sambalpur 1 0

PUDUCHERRY

41. Puducherry 1 1

RAJASTHAN

42. Jaipur 1 1
Udaipur 1 0

SIKKIM

43. Gangtok 0 0 Assistant Director (News) also working as Correspondent.

TAMILNADU

44. Chennai 0 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

45. Tiruchirapalli 1 1

46. Coimbatore 1 1

TRIPURA

47. Agartala 1 0 Assistant Director (News) Doordarshan holding
additional charge
UTTANCHAL

48. Dehradun 0 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

49. Paudi 1 0
UTTAR PRADESH

50. Gorakhpur 1 0 News Editor also working as correspondent

51. Lucknow 1 1

52. Kanpur/ 1 1
Allahabad

WEST BENGAL

53. Kolkata 1 1

54. Kurseong 1 1

55. Siliguri 1 0
Total 45 23