

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4416  
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FM CHANNEL FOR STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had provided exclusive FM channel for educating students in the remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide exclusive FM channel for educating students all over the country including Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) All India Radio (AIR) does not have any exclusive FM Channels for educating students in the remote areas of the country.

However, under the GYAN VANI initiative catalyzed by Ministry of Human Resources Development, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (Prasar Bharati) and IGNOU, have already established 26 FM radio stations and another 11 stations across the country is coming up under the Phase-I. These 37 stations, with a reach of 60-70 kms radially, are dedicated FM stations for education and broadcast programmes of interest to students. Some of these stations are located in places such as Jabalpur, Raipur, Guwahati, Shillong, etc which have significant remote areas with tribal population in their reach. The broadcasts of these FM stations usually reach the villages and areas surrounding the main town, in which they are located. Accordingly, some of the broadcasts of GV stations are tailored to cater to the needs of this population in the remote areas. The details of these station are at Annexure.

(c) to (e) The 37 places at which Gyan Vani FM stations are already operational or are likely to be operationalised soon are spread across the country. In Kerala, two Educational FM stations will be operationalised soon at Thiruvananthapuram and Cochin.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4416 FOR ANSWER ON 04.08.2009.

**GYAN VANI FM Radio Stations in Operation**

Name of Station

1. Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
2. Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
3. Nagpur (Maharashtra)
4. Mumbai (Maharashtra)
5. Aurangabad (Maharashtra)
6. Delhi (Delhi)
7. Panaji (Goa)
8. Kolkata (West Bengal)
9. Patna (Bihar)
10. Raipur (Chhatisgarh)
11. Rajkot (Gujarat)
12. Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
13. Shillong (Meghalaya)
14. Varanasi (UP)
15. Allahabad (UP)
16. Kanpur (UP)
17. Lucknow (UP)
18. Visakhapatnam (Andhara Pradesh)
19. Hyderabad (Andhara Pradesh)

20. Bangalore (Karnataka)
21. Mysore (Karnataka)
22. Guwahati (Assam)
23. Indore (MP)
24. Jabalpur (MP)
25. Bhopal (MP)
26. Jaipur (Rajasthan)

Gyan Vani FM Radio Station to be operationalized soon

Name of Station

1. Agra (UP)
2. Chandigarh (UT)
3. Cochin (Kerala)
4. Tiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
5. Cuttack (Orissa)
6. Jalandhar (Punjab)
- 7 Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
8. Pune (Maharashtra)
9. Sriinagar (J&K)
10. Tiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu)
11. Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu)