

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IRREGULARITY IN FREQUENCY OF FM GOLD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of alleged irregularities in transferring the frequency of the FM Gold Channel to a private company during the Commonwealth Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the action/steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to restore the original frequency of the said FM channel?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. The reports appeared after completion of the Commonwealth Games 2010.

(b) As informed by Prasar Bharati, the details are as follows:

i. AIR had temporarily started its own additional FM Channel viz. `Dilli FM` on 100.1 MHz exclusively for the coverage of CWG-2010 in Delhi.

ii. There was also a proposal to shift the frequency of existing FM Gold Channel of Delhi from 106.4 MHz to 100.1 MHz in view of compulsion of implementation of National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) circulated by Wireless Planning Commission (WPC). In this plan AIR is to operate all its FM Channels within its allocated frequency band by WPC Wing, DoT, Ministry of Telecommunications, as presently the FM Gold's Channel frequency is outside AIR allocated band. The proposal to change the frequency was also necessitated because of allocation of 106.4 MHz to private channels in the adjacent cities of Karnal and Hissar, thereby shrinking the coverage of AIR FM Gold in these directions,

iii. Soon after the CWG were over it was decided to implement the above proposal looking at the popularity gained by new Channel on 100.1 MHz from 01.11.2010.

iv. However, in view of the reports, in the media, the decision to change the frequency of FM Gold, Delhi from 106.4 MHz to 100.1 MHz was deferred on 31.10.2010. Frequency change of FM Gold was therefore not implemented.

(c) FM Gold Delhi service has never been discontinued on 106.4 MHz and is still continuing on 106.4 MHz and therefore no action is required to be taken by Government to restore the original frequency for FM Gold.