

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

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AM/FM RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Amplitude Modulation(AM)/Frequency Modulation (FM) radio stations presently functioning in the country; State-wise including Bihar;
- (b) the funds allocated/released and utilised by the said stations during each of the last three years and the current year; State-wise; and
- (c) the revenue earned by the said stations during the above period, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that at present broadcasting service of All India Radio is being provided from 252 AM/FM Radio Stations across the country including Bihar as per State-wise details given in Annexure-I.

In addition, 245 Private FM Radio Stations are operational in the country including 2 channels in Bihar as per State -wise details given in Annexure-II

(b) The State-wise details of the funds allocated/released and utilized by AIR Stations during each of the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-III. As regards Private FM, the entire expenditure for their establishment is borne by themselves.

(c) The State-wise details of the revenue earned by the AIR Stations during each of the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-IV

Government has earned revenue of Rs.178.53 crores (approx.) from Private FM Radio operators in the last three years including current year as per details given in Annexure-V.