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

- (a) the details of the criteria and norms fixed by the Government to set up Community Radio Stations (CRS) and the number of CRS set up/functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of universities/colleges and other institutions that applied for setting up CRS in the country;
- (c) the present status of the said applications;
- (d) the number of applications still alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the pending applications are likely to be cleared, institution-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations (CRS) in India allows setting up of CRS by educational institutions, civil society and voluntary organisations, State Agriculture Universities (SAUs), ICAR institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Registered Societies and Autonomous Bodies and Public Trusts registered under Societies Act or any other such act relevant for the purpose subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria and basic principles as laid down in the policy guidelines, which are available in Ministry's website www.mib.gov.in. State-wise list of set up/functioning CRS is at Annexure.

(b) So far 913 organisations including universities/colleges have applied for setting up CRS in the country.

(c)

i) Letter of Intent Issued = 349 (out of which 150 organisations have signed Grant of Permission Agreement (GOPA))

ii) Rejected applications = 295

iii) Pending applications = 269

(d) 269 applications are pending for grant of permission to set up community radio station for want of requisite information from applicant institutions/clearances from concerned Ministries.

(e) No time-frame can be stipulated as the permissions are dependent upon inter ministerial clearances.