

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BROADCAST OF MALAYALAM PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether broadcast of Malayalam programmes on All India Radio and FM radio is not available in the northern Part of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that presently All India Radio set up is available at 8 places in Kerala namely Alappuzha(Alleppy), Deviculam (Idduki), Kannur, Kochi, Kozhikode (Calicut), Menjeri, Thiruvananthapuram and Trissur. Entire Kerala is covered by these transmitters except some northern part due to hilly terrain. However, this area is covered by SW band & by DTH service available on Ku band on DD Direct plus.

(c) To enhance the terrestrial FM coverage, in the 11th Plan, FM Transmitters are being set up at following 5 places in Kerala, including 100 watt FM Transmitter at Kasargod, which would cover the uncovered areas.

S. No.	Place	Capacity of FM Transmitter
1.	Idukki	100 Watt
2.	Kalpetta	100 Watt
3.	Kasargod	100 Watt
4.	Punalur	100 Watt
5.	Trissur	1 KW