

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

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

- (a) the number of All India Radio (AIR) stations functioning as relay centres;
- (b) the number of AIR stations in the country including Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh which are not functioning as relay centres, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make them functional as relay centres; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

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

- (a): Prasar Bharati has informed that presently 62 All India Radio stations are functioning as relay centres across the country.
- (b): At present, 12 AIR stations which are technically ready are not functional due to non-availability of Operation & Maintenance staff sanction. The state-wise list is given in Annexure.
- (c) & (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that the stations would be made functional within one year after receiving the sanction for Operation and Maintenance staff.