

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FDI IN RADIO BROADCASTING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to invite Foreign Direct Investment in the radio broadcasting sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total allocation made in the sector during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether any initiatives/schemes have been undertaken for improving the Broadcasting Engineering Consultants India Limited; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per approved policy guidelines on expansion of FM radio broadcasting services through private agencies in Phase-III, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the private FM radio is permitted upto 26%.

(c): For private FM radio stations there is no budgetary allocation as the expenditure on establishment of private FM radio stations is borne by the private FM Operators themselves. However, FM radio stations run by All India Radio are provided plan support by the Government. Details of allocation is in Annexure.

(d)&(e): Broadcasting Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) is a premier consultancy agency, system integrator and turnkey solution provider in all the spheres of Broadcast Engineering. It also undertakes operation and maintenance of various types of broadcast projects/systems.