

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

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FM RADIO SERVICES

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

- (a) the existing locations from where FM radio services are being operated in the country;
- (b) the number of proposals received for opening of FM radio stations during each of the last three years, location-wise
- (c) the details of the proposals cleared and rejected alongwith the locations thereof; and
- (d) the locations from where the Government proposes to operate FM radio services in the next two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 193 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2012.

Prasar Bharati has informed that presently, 207 Prasar Bharati FM Transmitters are functional at 196 Stations in the country. Details are given in Annexure-I. Total 101 proposals have been received by them for opening of FM Radio Stations during the last three years including current year. Location-wise & Year-wise details are given in Annexure-II. The Details of the proposals cleared/being implemented and proposed along with locations are given in Annexure-III & IV. Further it is informed that during 11th Plan, FM transmitters of various capacities are being installed by AIR at 295 more places throughout the country. The state wise list of the places are given in Annexure-V.

As regards to Private FM Radio, presently 245 private FM radio stations (including 21 stations operationalized under Phase-I scheme) are functioning in the country under Policy on expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting services through private agencies (phase-II). City-wise, location-wise details are given in Annexure-VI

The Policy of expansion of FM broadcasting through Private Agencies (Phase-III) has been approved on 07.07.2011 by the Cabinet. This Policy extends FM radio services to 227 new cities, in addition to the present 86 cities, with a total of 839 new FM radio Channels. City-wise, location-wise details are given in Annexure-VII.